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GARAPAN REVITALIZATION GROUNDBREAKING OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, together with CNMI Office of Planning and Development deputy director and Garapan Revitalization Task Force chair Chris S. Concepcion, U.S. Economic Development Administration representative Joaquin S. Quenga, CNMI dignitaries, staff of OPD, local business partners, representatives from various CNMI government departments, and members of the community broke ground yesterday for the Garapan Revitalization Project.

CEC to certify poll results today

Igitol

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission board is expected to certify today, Friday, the tabulation results of the Nov. 8 general elections.

CEC executive director Kayla S. Igitol said yesterday that the board meeting will be held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe at 3pm to certify the 2022 general elections results.

Igitol said the board will also discuss the early voting and absentee voting period for the runoff election. She said the

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Veterans Day Ceremony recognizes all veterans for their service

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By MARIE S. IGITOL
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Marie Salas Igitol was appointed executive director for the Veterans Affairs Office in October 2022. She is a proud wife of a veteran who has multiple family members in all branches of the Armed Forces and was the CNMI Family Readiness Support Group coordinator for the 1-294th IN REGT., Guam Army National Guard.

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Within the year, there are only two days dedicated to our armed forces—Memorial Day and Veterans Day. On Memorial Day, we honor the military personnel who died serving, whether in battle or due to the wounds sustained in battle. On Veterans Day, we

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), hold a press conference at the Republican Party headquarters in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

» Torres, Sablan thank voters, share views, plans for runoff election

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said yesterday that people never saw Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios around at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic because he was afraid, which left him alone to do the work because Palacios didn't do anything.

Speaking at a press conference at the Republican Party's

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Palacios: Our coalition is solid

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

Gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Mayor David M. Apatang, have officially met with their Democratic Party counterparts to make official their alliance for the upcoming runoff election.

According to Palacios, after meeting yesterday with Rep. Tina Sablan (D-Saipan) and her running mate, Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), he can confidently say that their co-

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KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

Gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, during a press conference at their headquarters yesterday.

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Flame trees planted at Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi

By CHRYSTAL MARINO
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Two flame trees were planted yesterday at the entrance of the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi, as a prelude to the commemoration of Veterans Day today and to honor the service of the CNMI's veterans.

Representatives of the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance joined the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and members of the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs to plant the trees.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who just signed the proclamation that declares the month of November as CNMI Veterans and Military Families Month and the week of Nov. 4-11, 2022, as CNMI Veterans Week, attended the event and helped plant the first flame tree, which was to honor the veterans laid to rest in the CNMI Veteran Cemetery.

Representatives of the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs join Gov. Ralph DLG Torres an posing in front the trees that were planted yesterday at the entrance of the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi.
CHRYSTAL MARINO

The veterans present participated in the planting of the second tree, which was placed as a "thank you" and to honor all living veterans.

"I believe each and every one of us have a duty to appreciate and give thanks to all of our veterans," Torres said.

MINA program manager Jolly Ann Cruz said the tree-planting is in honor of Veteran's Day, just something we want to put in the ground to become a legacy tree, so that the people come by and they remember. …It's not your typical tree out in the middle of nowhere but it has meaning and significance and importance. We honor the veterans, and we honor all those who have served, who are still alive, and we want them to

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs executive officer Marie Salas-Igitol, staff of the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office, and local veterans proclaimed the month of November 2022 as National Veterans and Military Families Month, and the week of November 4-11, 2022 as CNMI Veterans Week.
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House of Representatives Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) attributes his re-election win in the just-concluded general election to voters continuing their trust in him and for that he is grateful.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank the people in the CNMI, most especially Precinct 3, for the continued support and their vote of confidence in giving me this opportunity to serve them for a seventh term," Villagomez said.

The speaker received 1,945 votes, just two votes shy from Precinct 3 top vote getter Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind-Saipan), based on the Commonwealth Election Commission's unofficial tabulation results.

Villagomez thanked his family, committee-to-elect, and all those that supported him throughout the election.

He said he is looking forward to continue working with other lawmakers and incoming House members for a better CNMI.

As to the possibility of him serving as speaker again in the upcoming Legislature, Villagomez only stated, "We shall see."

Aside from Villagomez, Attao, Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), Rep. Corina L. Magofna (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan) also shared yesterday how grateful they are for the success of their election bids.

Villagomez, Attao, Magofna, and Yangetmai were among government officials and many dignitaries who attended the Garapan Revitalization Project groundbreaking ceremony yesterday morning at the Paseo De Marianas.

Based on CEC's unofficial tabulation results, the incoming House will be composed of 13 independents, four Democrats, and three Republicans.

Attao said it doesn't matter what number of votes they get in the election as there are six seats and that they're just fortunate for the voters of Precinct 3.

"We extend our appreciation to everybody that came out to vote and to the people of Precinct 3. I would like to thank you…very much for your continued support and vote of confidence," Attao said.

Demapan said the election results are now out and they respect the will of the people.

"For me personally, it's been a tremendous privilege to serve the people for three terms in the House of Representatives," Demapan said.

The lawmaker ran for a seat in the Saipan senatorial race, but came short, based on the CEC's unofficial tabulation results.

Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) was the top vote getter in the Saipan Senate race after getting 5,743 votes, while Rep. Corina L. Magofna (Ind-Saipan) took the second seat after receiving 5,200 votes.

Demapan said they got a lot of things done so he is hoping the community appreciates the work.

"I look forward to the future. I want to thank the people in the community who have stood by me during my political career. We don't know what lies ahead," Demapan said.

He said he will always be grateful for the community's support in his campaign and in his years of service to help make good things happen for the CNMI.

"Right now I'm [going to] finish out this term and explore what options are there, but I'm also looking forward to spending a lot of time with my family," Demapan said.

Magofna said that, based on the CEC's unofficial tabulation results, she is just grateful to people for once again giving her the opportunity and putting their trust and vote of confidence in her.

"If I do get certified, I will do my absolute best to serve the people," Magofna said.

Yangetmai said that she is really happy and would like to thank her Precinct 3 constituents for electing her in again to serve them. "I will do my best to finish my project," said Yangetmai, who landed fourth place in the Precinct 3 House race, based on the CEC's unofficial tabulation results. Precinct 3 has six available House seats.

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headquarters in Garapan, Torres, 43, said it's no secret that he was flying solo throughout the pandemic.

"He's afraid to go. …He's afraid to go to any of the COVID sites. He's afraid to go to the airport. He's afraid to even visit any of the first responders," said the governor, referring to Palacios.

Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), held a press conference at the Republican Party headquarters in Garapan yesterday to thank those who voted and supported them in the Nov. 8 general elections and to share their views and plans about the runoff election.

Torres and Sablan, the Republican Party's gubernatorial bet, won the general elections, but failed to gain a majority share of the votes, paving the way for a runoff election against second placer, Palacios and David M. Apatang, of the unified independent team, in the three-way Nov. 8 gubernatorial race.

In response to a question during the press briefing, Torres said that, as an obligated governor, he made sure that he was there with the COVID-19 first responders.

Torres said this is why he continues to emphasize that the government and the people of the Commonwealth need a governor and a lieutenant governor who are not afraid to do work.

"If you don't like me as a governor and you're running with me, and we're done, that's fine. But you have an obligation to your people, the Commonwealth. Can he say that? Can he literally say that I've been here for the people of the Commonwealth for the last four years?" asked Torres, referring to Palacios.

The governor said he hopes that Palacios can say that, but that he guarantees that he can't because he's nowhere to be found.

"I'm saying it because the people of the Commonwealth need to know the truth. Where was he during the time that the Commonwealth needed him the most? I was there and I will continue to be there until January. And if I get blessed, I'll serve another term for them," Torres said.

Torres, Sablan call for debates

Torres and Sablan are calling for a gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial debate.

In a statement yesterday, Torres and Sablan said: "Our dear people of the CNMI deserve the opportunity to fully compare us directly as candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, before they decide who will lead our islands for the next four years.

"Therefore, we call for a gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial debate—one-on-one on two separate evenings—to give our people an open discussion about our respective plans for the future.

"We hope that the Palacios-Apatang campaign supports having a real debate on the issues."

'Thank you'

With respect to the election results, Torres thanked the people for coming out to vote.

"I truly from the bottom of my heart thank you all for voicing your opinion and your vote, practicing your constitutional right," he said.

Now that the general election is over, Torres said the CNMI will move forward to finalize the gubernatorial race through a runoff election.

Sablan, 45, said it's been a long process as the campaign started a year and four months ago. "As the governor said, I want to thank all the voters that came out to exercise their right, duty in this election."

Sablan said they did know that there were a significant number who failed to vote, but they are hoping that during the runoff election they will come out and exercise their right to vote.

"We want to thank our supporters, the candidates, and everyone involved that came out through the campaign and through the election," the senator said.

As for the defeated Democratic Party's gubernatorial bets Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) and Rep. Leila F. Staffler (D_Saipan) throwing their support behind the Palacios-Apatang tandem in the runoff race, Torres said it's obvious that the two tandems are in collusion and that people saw that during the gubernatorial debate as both teams piled on him.

Torres said they have been getting supporters from independent team as well as from the Democrats coming over and saying they want to support their tandem.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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board will decide on when the runoff election will take place.

"If you didn't vote in the 2022 general elections as a registered voter, it doesn't disqualify you in the runoff election," she said.

However, Igitol said, if a person is an inactive voter already since before the Nov. 8, 2022 general elections, that individual cannot vote in the runoff election.

Inactive voters are those who failed to vote in two successive general elections.

As for absentee voters, Igitol said that once they received absentee request forms for the 2022 forms, the CEC will automatically mail out to them their runoff ballots.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his running mate, Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), of the Republican Party, and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and his running mate, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, of the unified independent team, will square off in the runoff election.

Torres-Sablan won the general elections, but failed to gain a majority share of the votes, paving the way for a runoff race against Palacios-Apatang.

Torres-Sablan received 5,726 votes, or 38.83% of the total votes cast and counted. Palacios-Apatang received 4,890 votes, or 33.16% of the total votes cast and counted.

A total of 99 candidates, including those in the gubernatorial, ran in the general election to occupy 48 positions in the CNMI.

PALACIOS

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alition is a solid one.

"The coalition is solid. Tina made a commitment to support us and we want to thank them and their party for their support," he said.

Palacios said the discussions they had circled around what kind of programs and policies they would like to see from him if he and Apatang win the runoff in the weeks to come.

"There are folks in their camps that want to be assured that we will look at and be open to implementing some of the programs and policies that's in their platform. And that's not a problem at all for us because, albeit our platforms are probably written differently, they're basically the same and that's good governance, efficient government, integrity and following the rule of law, so there's not a lot of difference," he said.

Some of the major issues discussed during the meeting, Palacios said, was health insurance, how government departments should be run, and the evaluation of economic issues like the fiscal integrity of the government, fiscal situation, how to move forward with the looming fiscal cliff post-ARPA, and CW-1 issues.

"Tina and Leila both have a very robust plan on these and we're going to look at that. We talked about how we are going to right this government and how do we put the right people in the right positions to run the departments or agencies," he said.

In addition to agreeing on policies that they should implement if they win the gubernatorial race, Palacios said discussions were also had on campaigning for the upcoming runoff.

"It's no longer just going to be our campaign. We're now including Tina and Leila to help us in that regard," he said.

As for the results of the elections, Palacios said he extends his appreciation to all those who have supported him and Apatang.

"The runoff is going to be very challenging because it's going to be in a little over two weeks, so we're getting ready fairly fast here. But we're very excited. … It's a lot of hard work, but we're good to go," he said.

Apatang encourages everyone who supported AD in the last election to support them again in this upcoming runoff.

"I would like to encourage our people to take a look at where we stand and we continue to ask for your support for this upcoming runoff. We continue to stand with the platform of 'rebuilding trust' and that's our common commitment to our people in the Commonwealth. So we're humbly asking our citizens of the Commonwealth to please help us out. It is time to change this government. Give it back to you, guys," he said.

As for his thoughts regarding the recent partnership between the independent parties, Apatang said he is glad the parties are joining together for the good of the Commonwealth.

"Their platforms are pretty much the same as ours. We want to pursue the same issue, which is to reset the government. We need to work together and tackle the things that have been happening here in our Commonwealth. And they've got some good ideas," he said.

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honor and thank all who served honorably in the military—in wartime or peacetime.

It's common to confuse who qualifies as a veteran. To clarify, anyone who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces qualifies. Anyone who serves honorably for at least 180 days and has been discharged and marked "general and under honorable conditions" qualifies as a veteran.

When we celebrate our veterans, we also celebrate their spouses, children, and family members. The family plays a huge role in supporting military personnel as they mentally and physically prepare for deployment and the many training sessions that take them away from home. They are significant life changes that necessitate unwavering support. As a wife of a veteran, I understood my husband's sacrifice to fight for our freedom, and I also know how hard it is on our family when he is away.

This is why I volunteered to be the CNMI Family Readiness Support Group coordinator for the 1-294th IN REGT., Guam Army National Guard. I know how mentally exhausting it is to constantly worry about where your loved one may be. In my role in the CNMI Family Readiness Support Group, I relay important deployment information from the unit's commanding officer to the families, assist in coordinating town hall meetings, and plan ceremonial events before deployment.

Improvement of veteran services needed

When I was appointed as the Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs Office executive officer, I strived to serve our veterans and their beneficiaries. Aside from the current services that they receive, such as medical and health services, I would like to see an improving veteran services in the Marianas that have not been tried before. This includes establishing a CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs website to provide all the necessary information and links to resources such as the Veteran Affairs updates on benefits, life insurance options, housing for veterans, employment services, the G.I. Bill, and other benefits.

Furthermore, with the assistance of our government and our community, I believe it is possible to establish what I propose as a Veterans for Veterans Center to provide ongoing support. A center like this should be equipped with computers, TVs, and a recreational lounge to meet fellow veterans. A peer program will serve most veterans' preference to speak with other veterans who can understand their challenges.

Lastly, I'd like to continue the hard work of the past executive director to ensure that we get our CNMI veterans the help they truly need.

Veterans Day celebration

The best way to honor veterans, in my opinion, is for the community to come together and hold an event in their honor. Our community can see who our veterans are. Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country, and it is never too late to honor them so they know their service was not in vain. and that they are valued.

My family and I honor veterans every day by proudly displaying the U.S. and CNMI flags inside and outside our home. We also attend the Veterans Day ceremony, which is held annually on the 11th day, 11th hour, and 11th month at the American Memorial Park court of honor in Garapan.

As an avid motorcycle rider, I organize a tribute ride with another group of bikers on the island. We have more than 10 veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces in our biker family, and we ride around Saipan to honor and thank veterans for their service to our country, flag, family, and brotherhood.

The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs celebrates our veterans with two important events each year: Memorial Day, which honors and remembers the fallen, and Veterans Day, which thanks the living for their service to the country, flag, family, and brotherhood. Veterans Day will be celebrated at the American Memorial Park court of honor today, Nov. 11, 2022, at 11am, with a flyover scheduled.

Happy Veterans Day to our CNMI veterans and thank you for the sacrifices you made for our country. Together, We Can!

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know we appreciate what they have done for us."

MINA's Joseph Nekaifes also thanked CNMI Veteran's Affairs executive officer Marie Salas-Igitol, as well as the Department of Public Works, Department of Public Lands, and Department of Lands and Natural Resources for making the event possible.

"Today is a very special day, and it really means a lot, not just to our office, but I'm sure to our community, and especially to our veterans," said Salas-Igitol.

She said that MINA would be in charge of maintaining the trees, in collaboration with VA staff and the Division of Parks and Recreation.

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CHCC

A total of 21 staff members from various departments and programs across the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. hold up their certificates that identify them as certified breastfeeding authorities.

The goal of the training is to equip participants with the skills, tools and resources to help women make and reach their breastfeeding goals, build a network of partnerships, and advance breastfeeding support capacity in the CNMI. The all-inclusive course covers a series of topics, including components of breastmilk, anatomy and physiology of the breast and infants, feeding positions, alternative feeding methods, handling of special cases and circumstances, maternity care practices, pumps, etc.

Participants are required to attend 35 hours of instructor-led sessions and complete a post course assessment to obtain a three-year certification as a certified breastfeeding authority, or CBA.

This particular boot camp cycle prioritized individuals who work with or support women, infants and children as part of their regular day to day activities. Participants from WIC, HOME Visiting, Women's Health Clinic, Children's Clinic, Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Obstetrics & Nursery, Immunization and Tinian Health Center committed to the weeklong training.

Based on post-training evaluation, 100% of participants rated the course as excellent and expressed gratitude for having been invited to attend.

CHCC encourages internal and external partners to join efforts in expanding and promoting a strong breastfeeding culture in the community by participating in future course offerings.

For more information about breastfeeding support and resources, call the CNMI WIC program at (670) 664-4084. ***(PR)***

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DATED this 24th day of October 2022.

/s/_____
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer for
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund

Math Day returns to UOG with special visiting speaker

Fans of popular movies such as *Star Wars, Avatar, The Avengers,* and *Frozen"* probably aren't aware that these movies required the use of mathematics to bring them to life. The Division of Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Guam is inviting the public to take a look behind the movie scenes with visiting mathematician Michael Dorff at its 12th Annual Math Day.

The event, which is free and open to the public to attend, will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, Nov. 19, with a Mathematics Quiz Competition among 7th to 12th grade student teams covering basic Algebra, pre-Calculus, and Calculus.

Then, at 11:45am, Dorff will give a special presentation titled "Math, Movies, and Bubbles."

Dorff, a professor of mathematics at Brigham Young University in Utah, with a doctorate in complex analysis, is the former president of the Mathematical Association of America, the world's largest community of mathematicians, students, and. Dorff works to promote math to the general public, industrial careers in the mathematical sciences, and undergraduate research.

His lecture will give insight into how math was used to create realistic looking snow in "Frozen" and to make an animated character move faster in "The Incredibles."

In the second part of his talk, Dorff will answer the question "What is the shortest path connecting four points?" and provide a hands-on demonstration of how that concept is connected to creating soap bubbles.

"This is our first Math Day event since 2019, and we are beyond excited to be able to bring such an accomplished mathematician to island," said Leslie Aquino, chair of the UOG Division of Mathematics and Computer Science. "We are very grateful to Dr. Hideo Nagahashi in our division for his work to restart this event now that most of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted."

Dorff is also the co-director of the Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematical Sciences program through the Mathematical Association of America and is the director of strategy and implementation for Transforming Postsecondary Education in Mathematics. He also founded the Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics Occidental College in Los Angeles, which has been recognized by the American Mathematical Society as a "Program That Makes a Difference."

"We hope his talk will inspire an appreciation for math in our community and will ignite a passion in our local students for math as a potential career path," Aquino said.

Math Day will be held from 8:30am to 1pm on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the School of Business and Public Administration building, Room 129. Registration will take place starting at 8am. For more information, call (671) 735-2832/0137.

Teachers of the 7th to 12th grades may still register teams of students to compete in the Mathematics Quiz Competition until Monday by calling (671) 735-2832/0137. ***(UOG)***

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In the election struggle between 'kitchen-table issues' and the fate of democracy, which side won?

By NICHOLAS GOLDBERG
Los Angeles Times

Nicholas Goldberg is an associate editor and Op-Ed columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

As the nation holds its breath and the votes come trickling in, I keep coming back to the end-of-the-campaign words of Rep. Elissa Slotkin, a two-term Democrat who ran for reelection in a tight race in southeastern Michigan.

"I believe that our democracy is the ultimate kitchen table issue," she told the crowd on a stop in East Lansing in the final week of the race. "In fact, it's not the kitchen table. Our democracy is the foundation of the home in which the kitchen table sits."

The metaphor was slightly tortured, but I got her point.

For months, Americans have been anxiously waiting to learn (among other things) whether the election would turn on the big, broad, foundational issues facing the country—the fragility of our democracy and institutions, the bitter partisanship turning to vitriol, the violence pulsating just below the surface. Or would voters make their choices based on the so-called kitchen table issues: day-to-day matters like Social Security, jobs, inflation, the economy, crime, healthcare and schools.

The pundits warned, with years of data to back them up, that most people care more about the kitchen table issues, and don't have time in their crowded, bedraggled lives for abstract, seminar-worthy subjects like "Whither Democracy?" while they're struggling to make ends meet.

Slotkin's point, though (or my reading of it, anyway) was that the two are inextricable, and that you can't count on the daily benefits of American prosperity, jobs and stability if you allow the underlying pillars of democracy and rule of law on which society rests to crumble.

That's my view too.

So what was the upshot? Well, it's too soon, I'm afraid, to take the full measure of this chaotic election. But it's worth noting that Slotkin, a moderate Democrat and former CIA officer who made the preservation of democracy and the dangers of election conspiracies her central themes at the

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The tragedy in Seoul should force South Korean society to consider the despair of the next generation

By SUK-YOUNG KIM
Los Angeles Times

Suk-Young Kim is a professor of theater and performance studies at UCLA who focuses on South Korean culture. She is the author of DMZ Crossing: Performing Emotional Citizenship Along the Korean Border.

One hundred-fifty-six lives were lost in an unimaginable stampede Oct. 29 in the Itaewon district of Seoul. People from various places and stations in life are gone and most of them were South Koreans in their 20s. This devastating tragedy has forced many in the country to mourn these lives—and to focus on the lives of this generation for whom "young and happy" have become incompatible traits.

South Korean young people face fierce competition in the education system and when they enter the workforce. Younger generations in the past have often carried the burden of brokering South Korea's critical transition into democracy, from the April revolution of 1960 to the June Democracy Movement of 1987. But the pressures on this new generation are severe in a society with intractable economic inequality and a lack of social mobility. A lot has fallen on young shoulders, and one has to wonder: What is being done to ensure the safety of their futures?

South Korean youth today are often referred to as the Sampo Generation, meaning the generation that has given up on three things: courtship, marriage and children. The bitterness of the label is true; these young people lack economic opportunities and clear direction for their futures. The list of things they won't be able to count on is long: employment, home ownership, interpersonal relationships, hope and health. Maybe even life itself.

The Sampo Generation label captures the despair of this generation, one that has been robbed of the ambitions that once defined their parents' and grandparents' youth. Coming of age during Korea's intense struggle in the last three decades with rapid development and globalization, this generation has experienced ruinous financial crises, even as they were just setting out on their own journeys.

In truth, this label says as much about the older generation—the one in power—as it does about the young. It speaks to the pressures—passed down from one generation to the next—to ensure that everyone fits into a patriarchal family structure to fulfill the duty to have children and to sustain the economic expansion that has come to define South Korea's postwar national identity. The society's deep anxiety over its rapidly declining birth rate is one cause of this social pressure.

The irony is that even as anxiety grows over declining births, the lives of the younger generation aren't treated with dignity or respect. Instead, the youth are treated merely as a fungible labor force, forced into low wages and temporary employment, unable to afford to set their own course.

The untimely death of so many last month leaves us thinking about what futures would have been possible for those who were killed. So much in lost dreams and unrealized potentials haunt the entire society.

The tragedy has also caused many South Koreans to relive the nightmarish sinking of the MV Sewol ferry in 2014, where 250 out of the 304 people who died were high school students. The wound from that traumatic event has never healed. It showed the failure of authority on numerous levels, from the captain who abandoned the sinking ship to the successive administrators who would not take responsibility for the catastrophe.

In the aftermath of the Itaewon stampede, we are once again witnessing an utter lack of national leadership and a failure of a crisis management system, which might have prevented the stampede with timely intervention. The open display of crass humor by South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo at his foreign press briefing on the Itaewon incident on Nov. 1 is a prime example of how young lives are treated without respect.

Accusations of failure should not be the end of public debate about the tragedy. South Korean society needs to reflect on how its young people are treated on a daily basis. Beyond the short-lived slogans and campaigns, a more profound cultural shift must take place to confront the socioeconomic structures and daily practices that young people are struggling to overcome.

Once again, it has taken the deaths of many young people to reignite this conversation in South Korean society. I hope that it won't take the loss of life to compel lasting change.

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The movement for good governance must continue

By CHRISTINE 'TINA' SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan (D-Saipan) is a member of the CNMI House of Representatives in the 22nd Legislature. She was the Democratic Party of the NMI's candidate for governor at the November 2022 elections.

Most of the ballots have been counted by now, and the writing is on the wall. It is not the outcome that Leila and I hoped for. But it is an outcome we accept.

Leila and I congratulate Gov. Torres and Sen. Sablan, and Lt. Gov. Palacios and Mayor Apatang for the success of their respective campaigns as they head into the runoff.

From the bottom of our hearts we also thank our incredible team of supporters, volunteers, donors, Democratic Party leaders and fellow candidates, and our families, for an amazing campaign. It was clean, issue-driven, and spirited. It was fun. It was inspiring. It was historic in so many ways. We ran on a platform of good governance, and we did it with love for our islands and a hopeful vision for our future.

I am so very proud of the hard work that we've all put in together this past year, to mount a great campaign and offer our people real choices on the ballot. It has been the honor of a lifetime to stand as your candidate for governor, and to run with an individual of such integrity, compassion, intelligence, and courage as Leila for lieutenant governor.

Leila and I campaigned on the promise of change. And we said all throughout that this campaign was about more than just winning this election, and more than just the next four years. We sought to lay the foundations for a fair, honest, and fiscally responsible government, and a thriving future for all. Our efforts will not end today.

Now, I am very aware that some are saying, the results of this election show that the people of the Marianas are not ready for change, or don't want change, or are afraid of change. I'd like to offer some encouragement to anyone feeling disappointment right now.

I looked back today at an open letter I wrote in November 2009, after losing an election then. I wrote, "Change is a process. It is often a slow process, and an uphill battle, and there will always be setbacks along this journey. We must expect setbacks, and continue to move forward nevertheless with our eyes set firmly on our vision for a healthier, more just, and more prosperous future."

We have to celebrate the wins too. Leila and I didn't win this election—but let's celebrate the fact that Democrats and independents won seats in the Legislature, and may very well control the majorities in the House and Senate. Let's also celebrate that the gubernatorial election results show that more than 60% of those who cast their ballots voted for a change in administration. That's more than 60% of voters across the Marianas agreeing that we cannot afford another four years with Ralph Torres as governor, and that we want and deserve a government that is worthy of our trust.

> *'Change is a process. It is often a slow process, and an uphill battle, and there will always be setbacks along this journey.'*

Many have asked us, so what's next? Our immediate next task as citizens is to participate in the upcoming runoff election, and make sure that there will not be another four years with Ralph Torres as governor. We have seen and suffered enough abuses of our trust in his administration.

Leila and I are asking all of our supporters to vote for Arnold Palacios and David Apatang in the runoff. They are the better choice. And they can surely expect that we will hold them to the same standards of honesty, fairness, and accountability that Leila and I hold ourselves to.

Our message to our supporters is this: Don't despair. Don't lose hope. Keep the faith, and get out and vote.

Beyond the runoff election, and regardless of the results, our Commonwealth needs us all to continue to fight the good fight for a future we can be proud of. Remember that this government belongs to all of us. Remember that we have the power to change our government, and demand the representation that we deserve. The movement for good governance must continue.

As for Leila and me, we aren't going anywhere. Our hearts are here. We will serve out the remainder of our terms as legislators, and we thank the people of the Marianas, and especially the people of Precinct 2 and Precinct 5 who have given us the great honor of representing them.

We will seek other ways to serve our community after our terms have ended. We know that our Commonwealth can only progress as long as there are people who love this place enough to stick around and do the hard work to make it better. Our future depends on it.

May God bless our Marianas.

Don't lose hope

By LEILA C. STAFFLER
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rep. Leila C. Staffler is a member of the House of Representatives of the 22nd Legislature. She was the Democratic Party of the NMI's candidate for lieutenant governor at the November 2022 elections.

Tina and I are humbled by the outpouring of support that has made the news of this day much more uplifting than you would think.

We are proud of the campaign that we ran and the plans that we made. We are proud to have made history and put more cracks in the glass ceiling for the next woman who runs for this office. In your kind messages, you have shared how we have inspired you in many ways. From the hard work and leadership we offer, to the fact that we should expect more of our government, especially with respect to accountability and fiscal responsibility.

To all of our dear supporters, especially to those who couldn't vote yet—the youth of the CNMI—don't lose faith. We cannot lose hope that good governance can exist in our Marianas. It just might take more time to get there. We need our community, everyone, to keep pushing for the change we want to see.

As for me, I'm here for the long haul, doing whatever I can, to leave this place better than I found it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Si yu'us ma'åsi.

ELECTION

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close of her race, won her election by a hair.

And the giant "red wave" of Republican victories did not materialize, though which party will control the House and the Senate remains uncertain.

Slotkin ran in a swing district against a Republican election denier named Tom Barrett. In the final run-up to election day, she took an endorsement from Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., who spoke at a campaign event about "ensuring the survival of the republic."

And Michigan voters seem to have taken that warning to heart.

Nationwide, an Associated Press survey of 94,000 voters found that, as Republicans had hoped, inflation was the top concern of voters. But almost half of voters also said that the future of democracy weighed heavily on them. In preliminary results from an ABC News exit poll, two-thirds of voters said democracy in the United States was "threatened."

All I can say is, I'm glad they noticed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coalition Time!

As a resident and voter, I thank Rep. Tina Sablan for running an excellent and determined campaign focusing on policy, difficult issues, problems, fairness and to restoring honest governance and accountability to the Commonwealth. Thank you to all those in the CNMI who volunteered and voted for Tina and Leila.

Now is this time for the supporters of Rep. Sablan and Lt. Gov. Palacios to forge an ad hoc coalition to end the abjectly dismal Torres administration once and for all.

Time to be blunt as the greater good is at stake. The Sablan-Staffler faction should embrace the Palacios-Apatang campaign and vote accordingly and aggressively. In return, the Palacios-Apatang camp should welcome Sablan-Staffler supporters and accept and endorse at least a third of Tina's major campaign issues and incorporate them into their platform and runoff campaign. Both Rep. Sablan and Lt. Gov. Palacios should consider joint public appearances, media availabilities and a print/radio/social media/TV ad series paid for by the Palacios-Apatang campaign. The realities of politics require strange but necessary bedfellows and unexpected alliances.

I get it. Palacios and Mayor (and retired U.S. Army first sergeant) Apatang are running as independents due to political expediency. I'm totally OK with that as politics are imperfect and one often has to employ existing methods, strategies, and tactics in order to secure power and effect meaningful change. Politics in a representative democracy are ultimately about generating policy and laws and governing through compromise.

What matters most now is not party affiliation or ideology but the desire to zero-out the clear and present danger of another four years with Torres "in charge." If Torres wins, the CNMI and the U.S. lose. It's that simple.

As the original, old Latin saying goes, "Amicus meus, inimicus inimici mei" or "My friend, the enemy of my enemy." If that's the case, as I think it is, Palacios and Apatang are my new best buddies.

However, as a longtime nonpartisan independent, I must make a request of Palacios and Apatang, that should they win, they should strive to govern as true independents. Even a quick review of public records indicates both men are cut from old-school Republican cloth. Again, I'm completely cool with that as long as they work to build a better CNMI, prepare the Commonwealth for an uncertain future and do what they can to grow and support the coming generations of local leaders.

I ask that they form a Cabinet and administration not full of old party cronies and hacks, but of Republicans, Democrats and independents, of those of varying ethnicities, religious and cultural backgrounds, ages, genders, sexual identities and abilities/disabilities. Might want to add a couple outsiders, some veterans and those with contrasting and contrarian views as well. Don't be hesitant to delegate as the intensity and turnout of this election shows that many citizens desire to participate in the political process.

I challenge Palacios and Apatang not to make the next four years a self-indulgent, slow-speed, victory lap in celebration of their decades of public service but to take it as a gift, an opportunity to right the ship of state and set a course away from the relentless waves and jagged rocks of certain failure and destruction using the guide star of reason, common sense and compassion, which leads to a future we can all live-in and with. To both men I offer this sincere message: over 60% of the combined CNMI electorate is done with Torres and you are being given a golden opportunity to truly do good. Don't waste it.

While Tina didn't win this time, I'm certain her time will come. For now, the moment and chance is real for Palacios and Apatang to bring us together and achieve meaningful change.

Wishing both continued good health and the best of luck. I extend an political olive branch in good faith and offer them whatever help I can give as we all call these islands home.

Mark Farmer
Garapan, Saipan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Scattered showers. Partly sunny	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny	A chance of showers. Partly sunny
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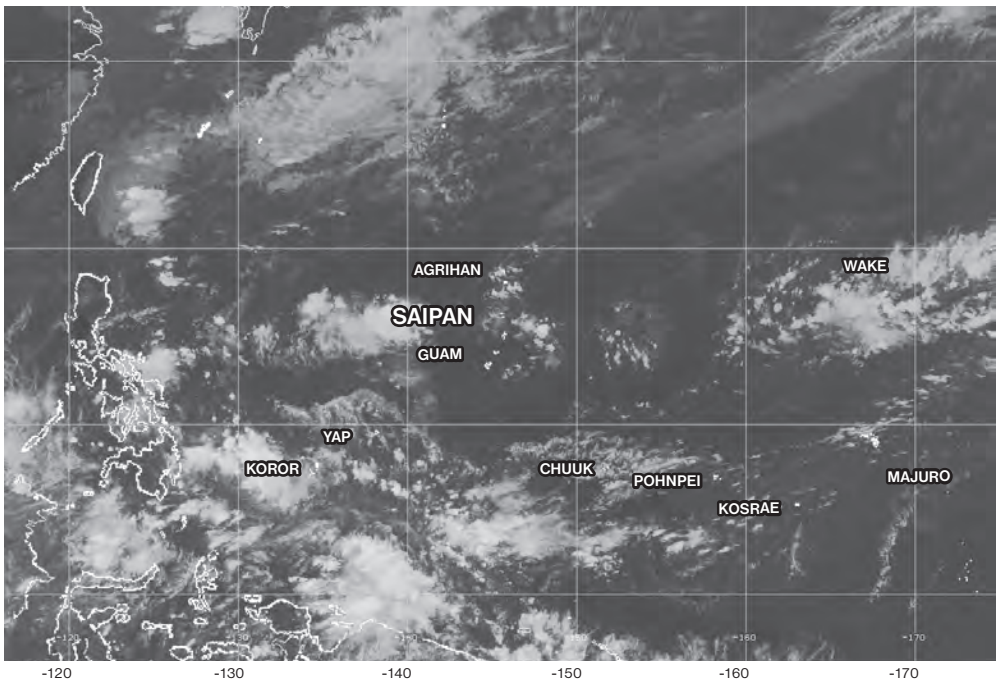
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:11 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate trade winds, partly cloudy skies and isolated showers are present across the Marianas this morning. Isolated thunderstorms are indicated just north of Saipan coastal waters, moving west. Seas at the buoys are between 5 and 6 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	89° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 76°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Kosrae	Isolated Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	87° / 82°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Showers/Wind	67° / 61°
Beijing	Rain	57° / 50°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	78° / 72°
Honolulu	Sunny	84° / 72°
London	Clouds	61° / 47°
Los Angeles	Sunny	68° / 46°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 78°
Melbourne	Showers	67° / 56°
Miami	Partly Cloudy/Wind	82° / 75°
New York	Mostly Sunny	67° / 56°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	71° / 53°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	55° / 43°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	70° / 60°
Rome	Cloudy	73° / 48°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	67° / 61°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	58° / 44°
Seoul	Sunny	71° / 51°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	71° / 54°
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	71° / 59°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:28 AM	7:51 PM
Saturday	-	9:22 AM	8:42 PM
Sunday	-	10:14 AM	9:34 PM
Monday	-	11:03 AM	10:26 PM
Tuesday	-	11:48 AM	11:18 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
3:09 AM	Low Tide	-0.36
10:19 AM	High Tide	1.70
3:46 PM	Low Tide	1.14
8:11 PM	High Tide	1.60

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

HAPPY VETERANS DAY, MARIANAS!

"As a community, we shall take the time to celebrate and honor all the sacrifices that our Veterans have made for our country and Commonwealth. Their selflessness is valuable and commended by all, as their service is made freely in order to protect our nation and loved ones. We shall also acknowledge the families of veterans, and collectively offer our support as a community. On behalf of the Commonwealth, we thank our Veterans for their unwavering bravery, and for their continuous sacrifices, both on and off the field. Let us continue to celebrate and support our Veterans and their families.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow, and have a safe Veterans Day Weekend!

– GOVERNOR RALPH DLG. TORRES"

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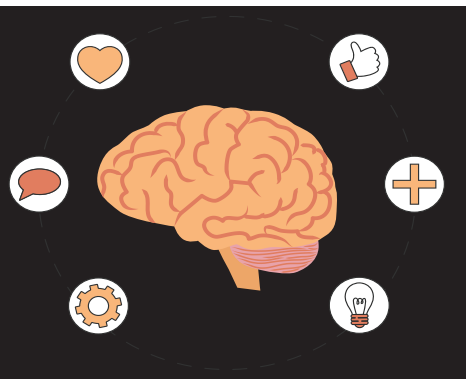
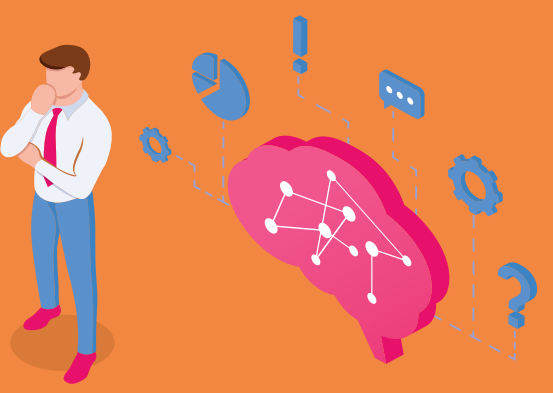
BREATHING IS FREE HERE IS HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



When you are thinking of ways to improve your mental health, there is always one or two methods that come to mind. The simplest one is breathing. Whether you are a professional athlete, a parent, a teenage, or a child, this could be useful to you.



Basic Yoga Breathing

Find a comfortable position to sit in, take a deep breath and then exhale slowly. Repeat the process as many times as you need. Have in mind to take small pauses between inhaling and exhaling.

Breathing For Stress Relief

Sit still and calm, start breathing in through your nose and count to 4, and then breathe out and count to 4. Repeat the cycle as many times as you want.

Abdomen Breathing

Place your tongue at the top back of your teeth, release the extra air, and breathe in through your nose while you count to four. Hold your breath for 7 seconds, and release the air slowly for 8 seconds – making a whooshing sound. Repeat the process as many times as you like

The benefits of breathing are plenty, so all you need to do is start with some of these basic exercises and get the most out of them. If you liked this content, you can follow us on social media or visit our website fittoleadmarianas.com for more info.

Before starting any diet or fitness journey, please consult with your doctor or a health professional.

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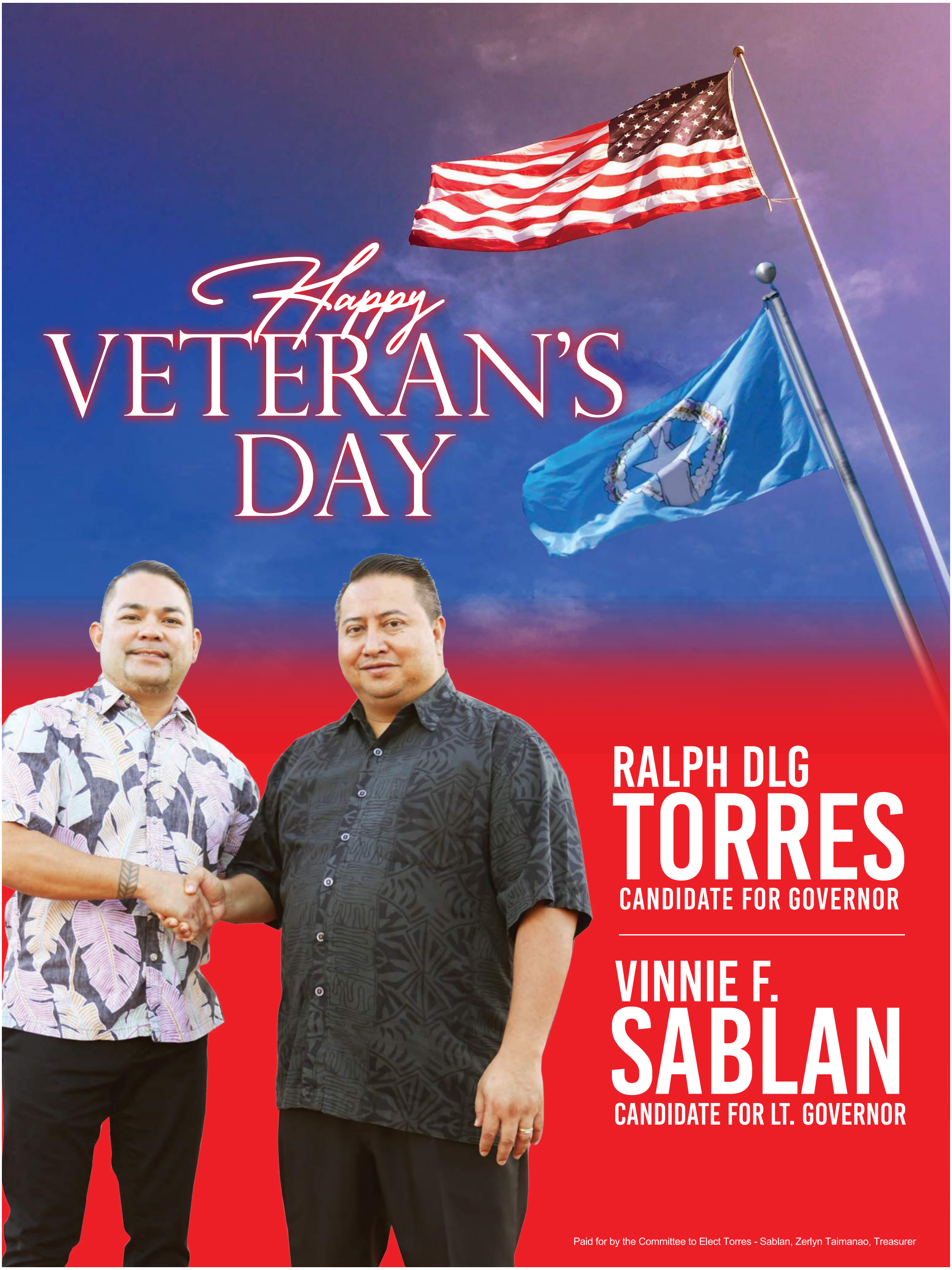
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FROM RIDGE TO REEF

A Collection of Articles Written by the 2022 DCRM Summer Interns

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JUST BELOW THE SURFACE

KIANA CAMACHO DCRM MARINE MONITORING

An ocean of abundance is what surrounds the Northern Mariana Islands. Beautiful and intricate corals make up our reefs and form the perfect homes for a diversity of wildlife to thrive. Our ocean and the life it holds is one of the most essential resources for the people, culture, and economy in the CNMI; this is why it is crucial to monitor and protect it for the interest of the present and future generations. "Monitoring methods are designed to detect trends" and "aim to determine whether the composition, structure and condition of an environment are changing over time or in response to a management intervention" (Geange et al.). This summer, I was given the opportunity to learn from DCRM's Marine Monitoring Team, whom we call the "doctors of our ocean."

The DCRM Marine Monitoring Team does a wide array of work ranging from lagoon surveys to coral restoration work. They are in charge of gathering and analyzing data on the health of all the marine ecosystems in the CNMI.

As an MMT intern, I had the chance to gain hands-on experience and learn from these professionals as I assisted them with a variety of activities. One of those activities was lagoon surveys; during this fieldwork, I helped gather data concerning seagrass, algae, and invertebrates along the transect lines on our lagoon's seafloor. Another activity I had the opportunity to be a part of was collecting and transporting a coral colony from the Smiling Cove Marina to the coral nursery.

Apart from these activities, I was assigned a project this summer to collect data regarding algal growth at the coral nursery. This project was possible by using zip ties to place cow tags on different branch levels on all six coral trees. The cow tags served as a surface area for algae to grow within a span of 3 weeks. Upon collection of the tags, I used lab equipment to determine the wet and dry weight of the algae that grew within that time frame. This project I carried out is the first round of data regarding how fast algae grows within the coral nursery; however, it will not be the last as the Marine Monitoring Team aims to continue to obtain this kind of data in the future.

I am very grateful to have participated in the DCRM Summer Internship Program, as it was a great learning experience. Being a second-year intern, I can say that the experiences I had over the course of two summers have greatly sparked my interest in pursuing a career in the environmental field.

Geange, Shane, et al. *Introduction To Marine Monitoring.* 2016. Accessed 10 Aug 2022.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT ON EARTH

JEFFREY SEO DEQ SAFE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

How do we determine how to construct wells and maintain existing existing wells? By creating a map of all the existing wells in the CNMI using ArcGIS, we will be effectively able to analyze the geological data and determine which wells have more pure water and which have high levels of pollutants.

Throughout the course of this year's DCRM Summer Internship Program, I've had the privilege of working with Glenn Arriola and Austin Flores under the Safe Drinking Water Program at the Division of Environmental Quality, where we conducted sanitary surveys and assisted in the process of initiating a new well.

The purpose of sanitary surveys is to determine whether or not a particular well in the CNMI is being properly maintained when water is pumped from the aquifers and into the water tanks. It also helps us determine the water quality of aquifers in order to obtain information about the pollutants contained within the water. In addition, aiding other departments with the installation of new wells will provide us with information about the water toxins in a particular region. All of this will give aid in creating a geographical mapping of wells in the CNMI.

Why is it necessary to map the position of all the wells? According to the Geological Society of America, geologic maps can show how the physical environment has been impacted by human activity. Their understanding of issues important to society, such as natural hazards, climate change, economic development, sustainability, and management of soil and water resources is grounded in geologic maps.

By conducting sanitary surveys and the development of a new well, I was able to piece together how the entire process is set up and implemented. The aim of this is to demonstrate to the public that extracting water from underground is difficult work that requires particular procedures and a team effort. In addition, it is necessary to comprehend the CNMI's geography in order to determine the optimal locations for drilling wells and how to management them.

To conclude, this internship enabled me to comprehend the significance of safe drinking water and ground water management programs. The island's aquifers provide us with one of the most essential elements on earth: water. It is our responsibility to fully utilize these aquifers, as well as to strategically plan how we will pump water into our tanks in a clean and efficient manner. I am happy to be a part of this project and encourage others to pursue this field.

The Value of Geologic Mapping." The Geological Society of America, Https://Www.geosociety.org/Documents/Gsa/Positions/pos3_mapping.Pdf, Apr. 2022.

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USCIS offers online filing for affirmative asylum applications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday that Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, is available to file online for certain affirmative asylum applicants. USCIS continues to accept the latest paper version of this form by mail.

"The expansion of online filing is a priority for USCIS as we make our operations more efficient and effective for the agency and our stakeholders, applicants, petitioners, and requestors," said USCIS director Ur M. Jaddou.

At this time, the option to file an online Form I-589 is only available for certain affirmative asylum applicants. Applicants may use their USCIS online account to file for asylum affirmatively with USCIS if they are physically present in the United States.

To file online, an applicant must first review the instructions on the USCIS website to determine whether their application may be submitted electronically.

Affirmative asylum applicants may not file an online Form I-589 if they:

■ Are in proceedings in immigration court or before the Board of Immigration Appeals;

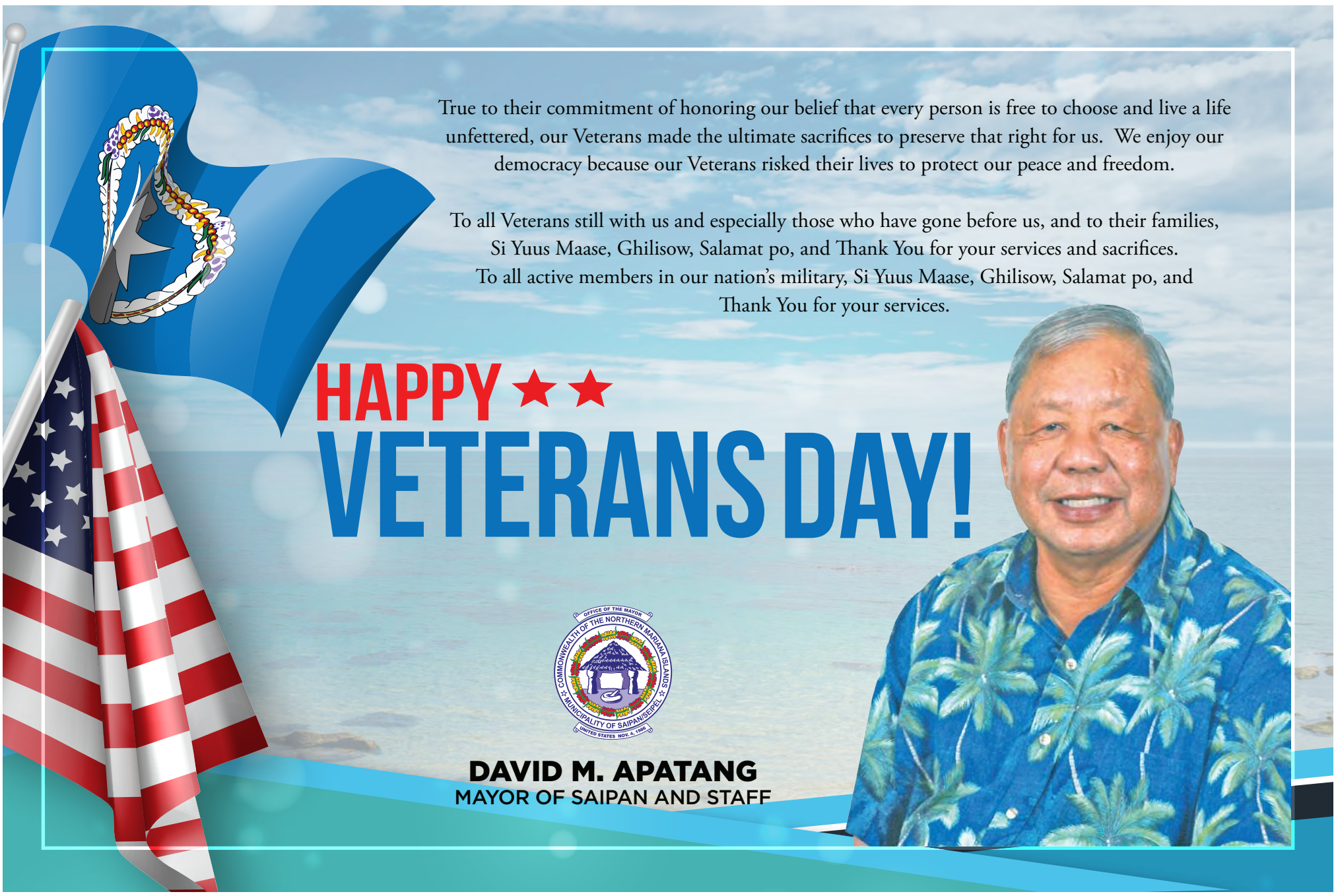
■ Are an unaccompanied alien child as defined in 6 U.S.C. § 279(g) and are in removal proceedings;

■ Are among the categories of applicants who must currently file by mail with the Asylum Vetting Center as outlined in the Special Instructions section of our Form I-589 webpage; or

■ Already submitted a Form I-589, which is still pending with USCIS.

To file an online Form I-589, an individual must first create a USCIS online account, which provides a convenient and secure method to submit forms and track the status of a pending USCIS immigration request throughout the adjudication process. There is no cost to set up an account, which offers a variety of features, including the ability to communicate with USCIS about an application through a secure inbox and respond online to Requests for Evidence.

With the addition of online filing for Form I-589, individuals can now file 13 USCIS forms online. The Forms Available to File Online page has links to file all of these forms. USCIS continues to accept the latest paper versions of all forms by mail. ***(USCIS)***


True to their commitment of honoring our belief that every person is free to choose and live a life unfettered, our Veterans made the ultimate sacrifices to preserve that right for us. We enjoy our democracy because our Veterans risked their lives to protect our peace and freedom.
To all Veterans still with us and especially those who have gone before us, and to their families, Si Yuus Maase, Ghilisow, Salamat po, and Thank You for your services and sacrifices.
To all active members in our nation's military, Si Yuus Maase, Ghilisow, Salamat po, and Thank You for your services.
HAPPY
VETERANS DAY!
DAVID M. APATANG
MAYOR OF SAIPAN AND STAFF

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Limited hours at Judiciary

During the week of Nov. 20, 2022, the Judiciary will have limited business hours due to the annual professional development and employee recognition series on Saipan and Thanksgiving holiday.

Hours of operation for Guma' Hustisia, Kotten Tinian, and Centron Hustisia on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, respectively, will be as follows:

■ Monday Nov. 21: Closed for Professional Development Series

■ Tuesday Nov. 22: Closed for Professional Development Series

■ Wednesday Nov. 23: Open for regular business

■ Thursday Nov. 24: Closed for Thanksgiving Day

■ Friday Nov. 25: Open for regular business

While facilities are closed, Judiciary personnel may be teleworking or activated for emergency and essential services. Bail, family protection, emergency and time-sensitive hearings may be set as necessary. Visit the Judiciary's website at www.nmijudiciary.gov for court information.

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Registration closed for CHamoru Genealogy Lab Workshop

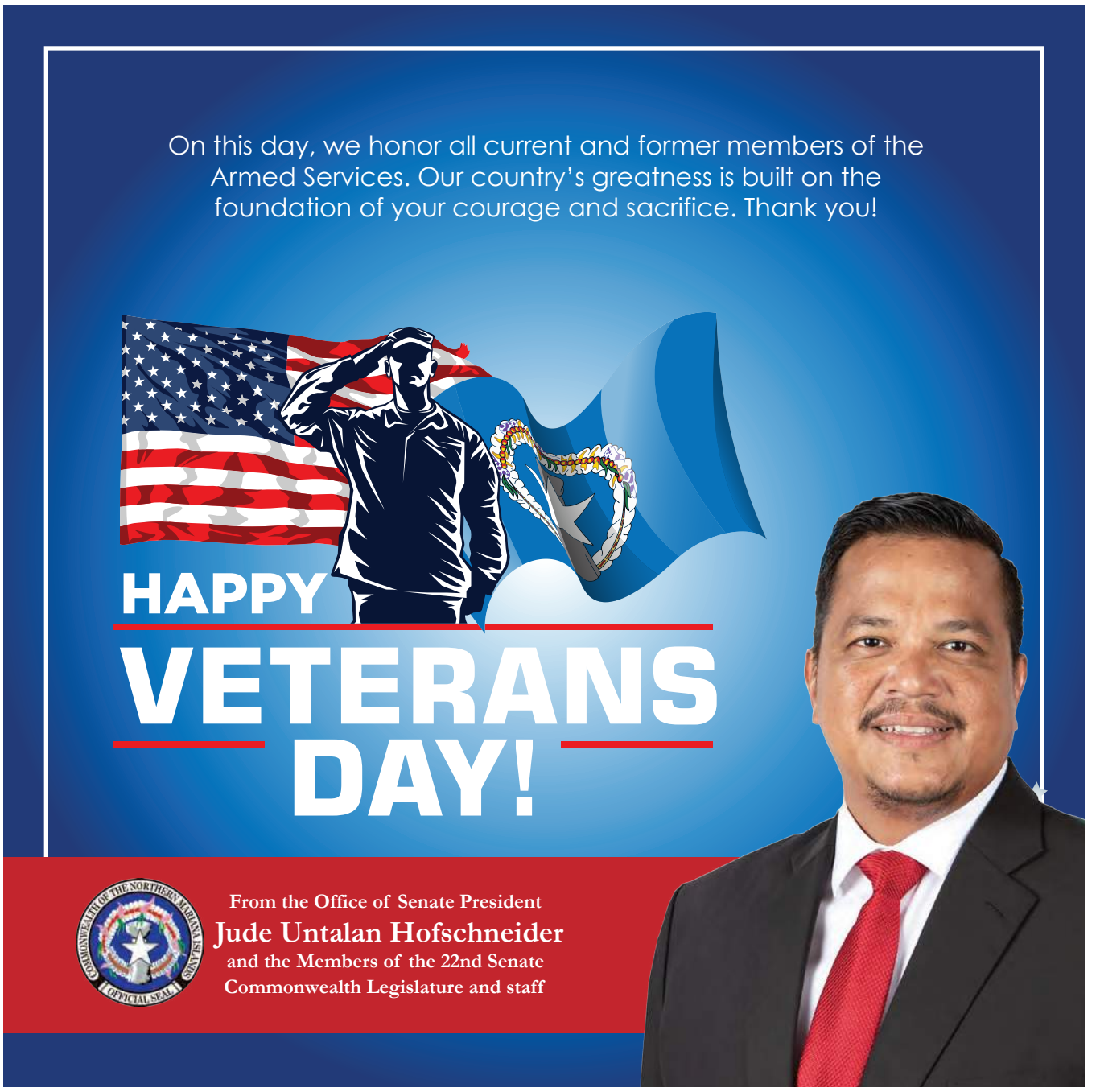
The I Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan Lina'la' i Taotao Tåno' (The Commission on the CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) and Genealogy Roots (Hale' Chamorro) are excited about the two-day genealogy event this weekend.

The Genealogy Workshop & Exhibit event is scheduled for Nov. 11-12, 2022, from 9am to 4:30pm (on both days) at the GCC Multi-Purpose Auditorium.

While registration has closed for the genealogy lab workshop, the public is still welcome to attend on both days to view family tree exhibits and panel presentations. Doors will open at 7am for display set-up.

Registration will start at 8am. Genealogy lab participants are reminded to bring laptops and writing materials.

Due to the holiday on Nov. 11, the only entrance will be through Gate 4 (closest to PBS Guam). All other gates will be closed. ***(PR)***


On this day, we honor all current and former members of the Armed Services. Our country's greatness is built on the foundation of your courage and sacrifice. Thank you!
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From the Office of Senate President
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Thank you, veterans, for your service to our country. You are the definition of patriotism and bravery. We are grateful for everything you have done for us.
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Nation

Biden hails Democrats' 'strong night,' acknowledges concerns

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden claimed vindication the day after the midterm elections, saying Democrats had "a strong night" and he planned to change nothing about his approach despite facing the likelihood of divided government in the nation's capital.

"I'm prepared to work with my Republican colleagues," Biden said during a post-election news conference Wednesday. "The American people have made clear they expect Republicans to work with me as well.

He brushed off concerns that Republicans, who are on track to take control of the House, will investigate his administration and family in what could swiftly become a bruising stretch of his presidency.

"I think the American people will look at all that for what it is, almost comedy," he said.

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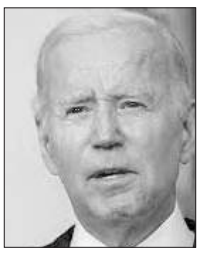
WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans inched closer to a narrow House majority Wednesday, while control of the Senate hinged on a few tight races in a midterm election that defied expectations of sweeping conservative victories driven by frustration over inflation and President Joe Biden's leadership.


Biden

Either party could secure a Senate majority with wins in both Nevada and Arizona — where the races were too early to call. But there was a strong possibility that, for the second time in two years, the Senate majority could come down to a runoff in Georgia next month, with Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock and Herschel Walker failing to earn enough votes to win outright.

In the House, Republicans on Wednesday night were within a dozen seats of the 218 needed to take control, while Democrats kept seats in districts from Virginia to Pennsylvania to Kansas and many West Coast contests were still too early to call. In a particularly symbolic victory for the GOP, Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, the House Democratic campaign chief, lost his bid for a sixth term.

Control of Congress will decide how the next two years of Biden's term play out, and whether he is able to achieve more of his agenda or will see it blocked by a new GOP majority. Republicans are likely to launch a spate of investigations into Biden, his family and his administration if they take power, while a GOP takeover of the Senate would hobble the president's ability to appoint judges.

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The White House said later Wednesday that Biden had spoken by phone with Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., who is in line to become House speaker if Republicans win the majority.

In his first public comments since voting ended, Biden was celebratory and defiant as Democrats denied Republicans the sweeping victory they expected. His party still has a potential path to hold control of the Senate, which would preserve his ability to nominate federal judges and administration officials.

"While the press and the pundits were predicting a giant red wave, it didn't happen," Biden said.

The election results were a remarkable display of resiliency in the face of both history and gloomy polls that suggested voters were fed up with inflation and crime and looking to punish the party in power. Biden acknowledged that many Americans remain discouraged by the country's direction.

"The voters were also clear that they're still frustrated," he said. "I get it."

Even so, Biden expressed little interest in changing course on his agenda, saying: "I'm not going to change anything in any fundamental way."

The benefit of his policies, such as funding for infrastructure projects and limits on prescription drug costs, "takes time to be recognized," he said.

Biden said he planned to call Republican congressional leaders, and he opened the door to seeking compromise with them — without shifting on his top priorities. He also questioned whether Americans want the major changes some Republicans are seeking, such as revisiting Social Security or Medicare benefits.

Biden was joined by first lady Jill Biden at his press conference, and he said it's "ultimately a family decision" about whether to run for a second term.

His team has been making preparations for another campaign, and Biden said "my intention is that I run again." He said he doesn't "feel any hurry one way or another" about making an announcement, which could come early next year.

Trump urged to delay 2024 launch after GOP's uneven election

WASHINGTON (AP)—It was supposed to be a red wave that former President Donald Trump could triumphantly ride to the Republican nomination as he prepares to launch another White House run.

Instead, Tuesday night's disappointing results for the GOP are raising new questions about Trump's appeal and the future of a party that has fully embraced him, seemingly at its peril, while at the same time giving new momentum to his most potent potential rival.

Indeed, some allies were calling on Trump to delay his planned announcement next week, saying the party's full focus needs to be on Georgia, where Trump-backed football great Herschel Walker's effort to unseat Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock is headed to a runoff that could determine control of the Senate once again.

Trump

"I'll be advising him that he move his announcement until after the Georgia runoff," said former Trump adviser Jason Miller, who spent the night with the former president at his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. "Georgia needs to be the focus of every Republican in the country right now," he said.

Trump sought to use the midterms as an opportunity to prove his enduring political influence after losing the White House in 2020. He endorsed more than 330 candidates in races up and down the ballot, often elevating inexperienced and deeply flawed candidates. He reveled in their primary victories. But many of their positions, including echoing Trump's lies about a stolen 2020 election and embracing hardline views on abortion, were out of step with the political mainstream.

Trump did notch some big wins Tuesday, particularly in Ohio, where his pick for the Senate, "Hillbilly Elegy" author JD Vance, sailed to easy victory after Trump's endorsement catapulted him to the front of a crowded primary pack. In North Carolina, Rep. Ted Budd, an early Trump pick, kept an open Senate seat in GOP hands.

But Trump lost some of the night's biggest prizes, particularly in Pennsylvania, where Dr. Mehmet Oz, who only narrowly won his Senate primary with Trump's backing, lost to Democrat John Fetterman. Trump-backed candidates also lost governors' races in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maryland, and a Senate race in New Hampshire, though Trump seemed to celebrate the latter, bashing Republican Dan Bolduc for trying to moderate his stances by backing off his embrace of Trump's election lies.

"Had he stayed strong and true, he would have won, easily," Trump said on his social media network. "Lessons Learned!!!" (Trump also cheered the loss of Colorado Republican Senate hopeful Joe O'Dea, who had said he thought it was time for the party to move on from Trump.)

Other high-stakes races in Arizona and Nevada remained too early to call.

Indeed, the Republicans' biggest victory of the night came in Florida, where Gov. Ron DeSantis cruised to re-election, cementing his status as a rising national Republican star as he eyes his own potential 2024 run.

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INVITATION FOR BID

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TYPHOON RATED DOORS, WINDOWS, AND SHUTTERS - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, SAIPAN OFFICE ON AGING CENTER

ITB22-GOV-42300006

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), on behalf of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon rated doors, windows, and shutters at the Saipan Office on Aging in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **November 4, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of $50.00 for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **November 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Saipan Office of Aging. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp no later than **November 28, 2022.** Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42300006 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Rated Doors, Windows, and Shutters - Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Saipan Office on Aging Center.** One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.** Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST December 7, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to **bidintent@dof.gov.mp**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 7, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **December 14, 2022**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 21, 2022.** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **10:00 a.m. ChST, December 7, 2022.**

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and ITB Number and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 270 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be $100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AIRLINE STAIRS & AMBULIFT MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND REPAIRS FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-23

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("the CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal ("the RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide maintenance, service, and repairs to its airline stairs and ambulift truck at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluate by price alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225 (a)).

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning October 10, 2022, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the RFP Package. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged the proposer awarded for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority either by facsimile, or email cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to atudela@cnmiports.com. on or before October 28, 2022.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Airline Stairs & Ambulift maintenance service and repairs, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport /RFP-001-23". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, November 11, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this RFP; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid/proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the proposal would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This RFP shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date **10/10/2022**

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Russia claims pullout from Kherson; Ukraine skeptical

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia's military said Wednesday it will withdraw from the only Ukrainian regional capital it captured, but Kyiv was skeptical and an analyst warned this could be a ruse to lure the country's forces into a deadly trap. A forced pullout from the city of Kherson would mark one of Russia's worst setbacks in the 8-month-old war. Ukrainian authorities cautioned against considering the announced plan to retreat from Kherson, a gateway to the Russian-occupied Crimean Peninsula, and nearby areas as a done deal. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has warned that the Russians were feigning a pullout from Kherson to lure the Ukrainian army into an entrenched battle in the strategic industrial port city. If confirmed, the withdrawal from Kherson — in a region of the same name that Moscow illegally annexed in September — would pile on another setback to Russia's early failed attempt to capture the capital, Kyiv, and the chaotic and hasty retreat from the administrative region around Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, which itself never fell to the Russians. Russian forces captured Kherson early in the invasion, which began Feb. 24.

Seoul: N. Korea fires ballistic missile toward eastern sea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile toward its eastern sea on Wednesday, extending a recent barrage of weapons demonstrations including what it described as simulated attacks on South Korean and U.S. targets last week. Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile was launched from the western town of Sukchon, north of the capital, Pyongyang, and flew across the country toward waters off the North's eastern coast. The South Korean and Japanese militaries assessed that the missile flew about 250 to 290 kilometers (155 to 180 miles) at a maximum altitude of 30 to 50 kilometers (18 to 30 miles). The relatively low trajectory seemed to align with the flight characteristics of some of North Korea's newer short-range weapons designed to evade missile defenses. China has reinforced its claims to virtually the entire South China Sea by constructing artificial islands equipped with military installations and airfields. Beijing also claims a string of islands that are controlled by Japan in the East China Sea, and has stepped up military harassment of self-ruled Taiwan, which it says is part of China to be annexed by force if necessary. Japanese Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada said the missile landed in waters outside of the country's exclusive economic zone. He said North Korea's intensifying testing activity was "significantly heightening" regional tensions and that Japan lodged a protest with the North through their embassies in Beijing. South Korea's Foreign Ministry said its nuclear envoy, Kim Gunn, held separate telephone calls with his U.S. and Japanese counterparts to discuss trilateral cooperation to counter North Korea's increasing weapons tests and growing nuclear threat. South Korean officials say the North could attempt to further raise pressure by conducting its first nuclear test since 2017 in coming weeks.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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LAW CLERK
for
ASSOCIATE JUDGE JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Announcement # JVA23-004

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho in the Superior Court on Saipan which involves the performance of professional legal research and other related administrative work in the preparation of memoranda, opinions, or orders. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

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- Prepares jury instructions;
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- Assist in community outreach programs, such as mock trial, as directed by the Justice or his or her designee; and
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QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: The Law Clerk must have a law degree from an ABA-approved law school and be able to work both independently as well as with others. Strong legal research and writing skills are essential.

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INTERESTED PERSONS: The start date of this position will be on February 6, 2023. Application forms are available at the Human Resources Office at the Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice in Susupe, Saipan, or at the Superior Court offices on Kotten Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on weekends and holidays. Completed applications; cover letter; resume; two legal writing samples (non-collaborative); one or two Letter(s) of Recommendation; and three references shall be submitted to:

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Off The Wall

Police: Pennsylvania man tried to buy stolen human remains

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A Pennsylvania man has been charged with abuse of a corpse, receiving stolen property and other charges after police say he allegedly tried to buy stolen human remains from an Arkansas woman for possible resale on Facebook.

A spokeswoman for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock confirmed that the remains had been donated to UAMS's facility and were sent to a mortuary for cremation. UAMS spokeswoman Leslie Taylor said the remains were sent to Arkansas Central Mortuary Services in Little Rock where they were allegedly stolen by a female mortuary employee and sold, adding that there is an open federal investigation.

"We are very respectful of those who donate their bodies, and we are appalled that such a thing could happen," Taylor said.

A representative of the mortuary hung up on a reporter who reached out for comment Thursday.

FBI Little Rock spokesman Connor Hagan said the office was aware of the Pennsylvania incident "but will not comment on ongoing investigations." No charges had been filed as of Thursday against the Arkansas woman.

East Pennsboro Township Police in Pennsylvania announced the arrest of and charges against 40-year-old Jeremy Lee Pauley, of Enola, Pennsylvania. Pauley had been arrested on July 22 and had an initial court appearance Thursday.

Calls to an attorney representing Pauley were not returned late Thursday. Pauley was released on $50,000 bond, according to court records.

On a Facebook page under his name, Pauley has posted pictures of bags and stacks of femurs, one captioned, "Picked up more medical bones to sort through." The Facebook page he uses to market his body parts is called "The Grand Wunderkammer," "Vendors of the odd and unusual, museum exhibits, guest lectures, live entertainment, and so much more! Strange, curious, and unique in every way possible!" It also provides a link to his website.

"I think I've seen it all, and then something like this comes around," said Sean McCormack, district attorney for Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, where Pauley was charged. "The question we had to answer was, Is the sale of body parts or bones and remains illegal ... or legal? Some of it, to our surprise, was legal. And as the investigation went on, it became clear there was illegal activity going on as well."

Pauley, who described himself as a collector of what he called "oddities," including human body parts, said the remains were acquired legally when first contacted by police, according to a police affidavit. Police initially found what they described as older human remains including full skeletons that they determined were legally obtained.

However, after a second tip about newer remains in Pauley's home, investigators returned to the house to find more recent purchases. Police found three five-gallon buckets containing assorted body parts—including of children—and federal and state law enforcement agents intercepted packages addressed to Pauley from the Arkansas woman that contained body parts.

Man pleads guilty to dousing 'Bewitched' statue in red paint

AP

The "Bewitched" statue in Salem, Massachusetts is doused with red paint over the summer.

SALEM, Mass. (AP)—A man will be sentenced to 18 months of probation after pleading guilty to vandalizing the "Bewitched" statue by dousing the Salem, Massachusetts tourist attraction with red paint over the summer.

The 32-year-old resident was originally sentenced to a year in jail, but a Salem district court judge suspended the sentence on conditions the man repay the cost of repairing the damage inflicted on the bronze statue, The Salem News reported Tuesday.

The statue depicts actor Elizabeth Montgomery—as lead character Samantha Stephens in the 1960s sitcom—sitting on a broomstick in front of a crescent moon.

In June, a prosecutor said the man was "going through a rough time and wanted to do something to get arrested," and was held on bail. His attorney said he had been living in a shelter for two weeks since his marriage ended, and had been looking for a new job.

He was also charged with disorderly conduct, which will be dismissed after 30 days.

The statue was erected in the city famous for the 1692 witch trials in 2005, despite protests from some who said it trivializes the tragedy of the trials.

Science & Technology

Funds approved for states to build a car-charging network

AP

Bob Palrud of Spokane, Wash. speaks with a fellow electric vehicle owner who is charging up at a station along Interstate 90, on Wednesday Sept. 14, 2022, in Billings, Mont.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Biden administration has approved ambitious plans by 34 states and Puerto Rico to create a national electric vehicle charging network as the U.S. begins in earnest its transition away from gas-powered transportation.

The plans' approval means $900 million can begin to flow to the states, which are tasked with using money from President Joe Biden's huge infrastructure law to form the network of chargers across the nation. Building out a reliable and convenient network is critical to spur more adoption of the technology, which is itself key to reducing greenhouse emissions that cause global warming.

The announcement came on the same day that Biden toured the North American International Auto Show in Detroit to tout the new law that includes tax incentives to purchase electric vehicles.

In practical terms, it means residents in some of those states could see charging stations start popping up along major travel corridors as early as next spring. Biden has a goal of ultimately installing 500,000 chargers across America and building a network of fast-charging stations across 53,000 miles of freeways from coast to coast.

"Unlocking this type of funding is an enormous step in getting the charging network out, which is something we absolutely need if we're going to get full-scale deployment and adoption" of electric vehicles, said Nico Larco, director of Urbanism Next Center at the University of Oregon. "We don't have the capacity now to power anywhere near the fleet that we need."

Science Matters
What builds these mystery circles?
Studies of the "fairy circles" on Namibia's desert came down to two main theories: grass-killing termites or plants' growth behavior.
About 100 km from the coast lie millions of bare circles, each a few meters wide
AFRICA
Namibia
Clues from rare, heavy rainfalls
Researchers found that after two exceptionally wet rainy seasons in the Namib Desert in 2021, grass inside fairy circles immediately died, but termite activity did not cause the bare patches
Fairy circle after March rain fell on the desert
There was no sign of termites eating the grass
10 cm
Rain made new grass grow, little of it inside the circle; only the outside edge became green
Rainwater persisted at the circle's edge; healthy grass (left) grew there
Mushroom 'fairy rings' in cool, damp places
Mushrooms can grow in circles; some kill grass inside the circle
Lawn in Brisbane, Australia
Threadlike fungi grow outward from a center in the soil and send up a circle of umbrella-like mushrooms, their temporary reproductive structures
Source: Stephan Getzin of University of Göttingen; Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics journal
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service © 2022 TNS

Life & Style

Luke Combs tops CMA Awards; Loretta Lynn, Lewis honored

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Luke Combs was crowned entertainer of the year at Wednesday's Country Music Association Awards, the second year in a row that he's taken home the night's top honor.

"I want to thank country music for making my dreams come true," Combs said, dedicating the award to his wife and newborn child. His win came after a performance-packed three hour show that honored country icons and new voices.

"Country is sounding more country than it has in a long time tonight," Combs said. He also won album of the year for "Growin' Up."

The show opened with Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert and Reba McEntire playing tribute to the late country queen Loretta Lynn.

The superstar trio performed a medley of Lynn's hits including "You Ain't Woman Enough," "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin'" and "Coal Miner's Daughter" as images of Lynn were projected behind them and audience members sang along.

Rock pioneer Jerry Lee Lewis, who like Lynn died last month, was honored with a fiery tribute by Elle King and the Black Keys.

Alan Jackson accepted the lifetime achievement award, recounting how a movie about Hank Williams inspired him to move to Nashville when he was flat broke. He teared up during his speech, ending it by telling the audience, "I'm still living that honky tonk dream, y'all."

Brothers Osborne won vocal duo of the year and Old Dominion won the trophy for vocal group.

Chris Stapleton won male vocalist of the year, his sixth win in the category. Bryan, Combs, Eric Church and Morgan Wallen were also nominated.

"All the guys in this category deserve this award," Stapleton said.

He dedicated the honor to his 12-year-old daughter, who's birthday was Wednesday.

Emerging country superstar Lainey Wilson was the leading nominee with six nods, taking home trophies for new artist and female vocalist.

Jordan Davis' "Buy Dirt" won song of the year. The song featured CMA Awards host Luke Bryan, who Davis called to the stage to hug.

Bryan co-hosted the show at Bridgestone Arena along with NFL great Peyton Manning.

Joining country's biggest stars for the evening were Katy Perry and actors Jessica Chastain and Michael Shannon, who are playing Tammy Wynette and George Jones in an upcoming Showtime limited series and presented Combs the night's top honor.

Perry took the stage and performed "Where We Started" with Thomas Rhett during the show.

Sean Penn loans Oscar to Zelenskyy until Ukraine wins war

AP

In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, poses with U.S. actor Sean Penn after receiving latter's Oscar statuette and handing him the Order of Merit, III degree during their meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Actor Sean Penn, who is making a documentary about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, has loaned one of his two Oscars to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and told him: "When you win, bring it back to Malibu."

Zelenskyy's office on Wednesday released the video of the encounter during Penn's most recent visit to Ukraine, his third since the Feb. 24 start of the war. The president tweeted that the Oscar was "a symbol of faith in the victory of our country."

Penn, who has been involved in numerous international humanitarian and anti-war efforts over the years, told Zelenskyy that every time he leaves Ukraine "I feel like a traitor."

"But if I know this is here with you then I will feel better and stronger for the fights," Penn said as he pulled the statuette from a black bag and placed it on a table in front of Zelenskyy. "When you win, bring it back to Malibu. Because I feel much better knowing there is a piece of me here."

Zelenskyy at first hesitated about accepting the statue, then quipped: "We have to win, quick."

It wasn't clear when the encounter occurred or which Oscar Penn left behind: Penn has won two best actor Academy Awards, in 2003 for "Mystic River" and in 2008 for "Milk."

His publicist didn't immediately respond to an email seeking details Wednesday.

Snoop Dogg biopic is in development with Universal Pictures

NEW YORK (AP)—Snoop Dogg is getting a big-screen biopic.

Universal Pictures announced Wednesday that the studio is developing a film about Snoop Dogg's life to be produced by the 51-year-old rapper. The film will be written by Joe Robert Cole, who co-wrote the two "Black Panther" films, and directed by Allen Hughes, the filmmaker of "Menace II Society."

"I waited a long time to put this project together because I wanted to choose the right director, the perfect writer, and the greatest movie company I could partner with that could understand the legacy that I'm trying to portray on screen, and the memory I'm trying to leave behind," Snoop said in a statement. "It was the perfect marriage. It was holy matrimony, not holy macaroni."

Universal previously turned the story of rap group N.W.A. into the hit 2015 film "Straight Outta Compton" and also released the acclaimed Eminem biopic "8 Mile" in 2002. Cole said the studio "has proven they can guide a movie like this to something special."

Donna Langley, chairman of Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, said she met with Snoop shortly after he acquired Death Row Records. His acquisition was announced just days before Snoop performed in the Super Bowl halftime show in February with Dr. Dre, Eminem, Mary J. Blige and Kendrick Lamar.

Snoop Dogg broke through in the early '90s as part of the West Coast rap scene as a collaborator of Dr. Dre's. He's sold more than 35 million albums worldwide in his three-decade career. He'll produce the film along with Sara Ramaker and Hughes.

Mother fears for daughter as teen enters workforce

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is about to turn 14 and wants to get a job. We just found out that in our state, 14- and 15-year-olds can work if they get a permit. I'm very concerned. I tried negotiating with her by telling her that her dad and I will give her a job at home and pay her, but she insists on working to help with our family finances. I have congestive heart failure and adrenal insufficiency, which is why I can't work outside the home. Her dad, my husband, is the only source of income.

While I admire her desire to help out financially, I'm very anxious about her being out in the workforce. I'm not paranoid. At various points during my youth, I was sexually abused and assaulted by several men. Realistically, it is dangerous, and I personally think she's way too young to work outside the home. Please tell me if I'm being overly protective, or whether my concerns are legitimate.

APPRECIATIVE BUT WORRIED

DEAR APPRECIATIVE: Your daughter is to be applauded for wanting to help with the family finances. To me it shows her level of maturity. Because she's inexperienced in the ways of the world, you and her father should sit down with her for some frank discussions.

Explain what sexual harassment is and make it clear that if she feels any pressure at all, she should tell you so you can help her safely deal with it. Unlike years ago, today there are laws that offer protection to female workers. She should understand what the term "hostile work environment" means. As long as she knows she can come to you and her dad about anything that makes her uncomfortable, she should be safe.

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DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a woman for close to two years. We are a couple, and we sleep in the same bed. She says she's my girl and I'm her guy. Yet, after all this time, she still won't have sex with me. I can't stop thinking she's doing it with somebody else. She's 40; I'm 50. What's going on?

BEWILDERED IN OREGON

DEAR BEWILDERED: I would be interested in knowing how this woman has been responding if you have asked her why she won't have sex with you. If you haven't done that, the time to have asked was after you started sharing the same bed. Do not let your imagination run wild, because she may not be seeing anyone else. The answer may be that she has no sexual urges at all. If that's the case, you deserve to know so you can decide if this is the kind of relationship you want.

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DEAR VETERANS: For your service to our nation, I salute you. My thanks to each of you on this Veterans Day. You are the personification of patriotism, self-sacrifice and dedication to our country. I would also like to recognize your families for the sacrifices they, too, have made while you were serving your country.

Love, ABBY

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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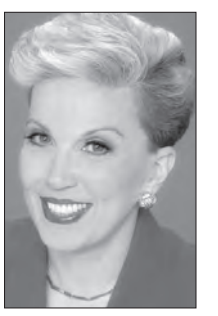

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

SO IT WAS YOU THE WHOLE TIME! YOURE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN SENDING ME INSULTS IN THE MAIL!!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! YOU AND YOUR SNEAKY CODES AND PASTED LETTERS AND SKULL DRAWINGS!
..ALTHOUGH, REALLY, THE SKULL DRAWINGS WERE PRETTY COOL.
YOU CAN TELL A GOOD SPY BY HIS OMINOUS LOGO.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

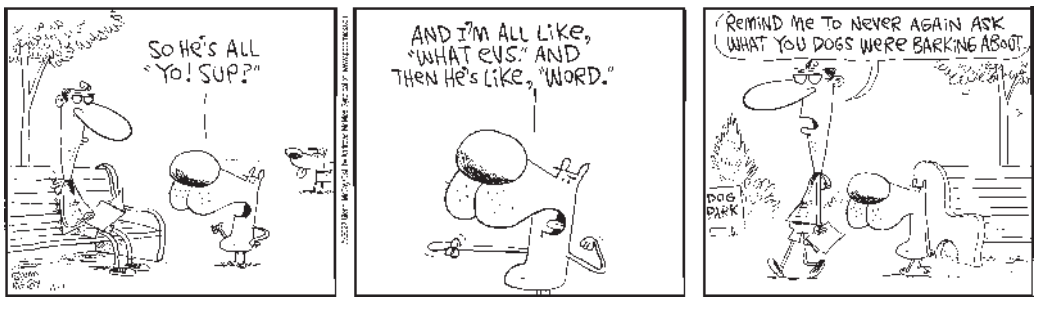
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

LOOK AT US.
WE'RE A COUPLE OF WRITERS, JUST WRITING AWAY.
LIVING THE DREAM. POURING OURSELVES INTO OUR–
YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A BOOK IDEA, DO YOU?
SHHHH! I WAS TRYING TO CONVINCE MY BRAIN!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


SO HE'S ALL "YO! SUP?"
AND I'M ALL LIKE, "WHAT EVS." AND THEN HE'S LIKE, "WORD."
REMIND ME TO NEVER AGAIN ASK WHAT YOU DOGS WERE BARKING ABOUT.
DOG PARK

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Nov. honoree
4 Foot rub response
7 Parisian river
12 Expert
13 6 on a phone
14 "Be silent," in scores
15 Bagel topper
16 Courage
18 Toronto's prov.
19 Trivial
20 Optimistic
22 Profit
23 "Coffee Cantata" composer
27 Ballpark fig.
29 Sound system
31 World record?
34 Sped
35 Finds out
37 Tampa Bay NFLer
38 Fido's feet
39 French pal
41 Soccer star Mia
45 Blueprints
47 Runner Sebastian
48 Thanks
52 Wee bit
53 Like some rites
54 Lawn coating
55 JFK info
56 Hybrid utensil
57 Hesitant sounds
58 ISP alternative

DOWN

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2 Low-budget prefix
3 Modern messages
4 Bands on radios
5 Consecrate with oil
6 "Stormy Weather" singer Lena
7 Commotion
8 Have dinner
9 Post-op area
10 Composer Rorem
11 Paris summer
17 Youngsters
21 Decade parts
23 Sand castle site
24 Rainbow shape
25 Bee follower
26 Scuttle
28 Tax form ID
30 Capote nickname
31 Jungfrau, e.g.
32 Earl Grey, for one
33 Order partner
36 Pretzel topper
37 School paper holder
40 Bea Arthur sitcom
42 Played a part
43 Castle barriers
44 Military award
45 Flamingo's hue
46 Gives a darn?
48 Family docs
49 Knock
50 In the past
51 Roofing goo

Solution time: 25 mins.

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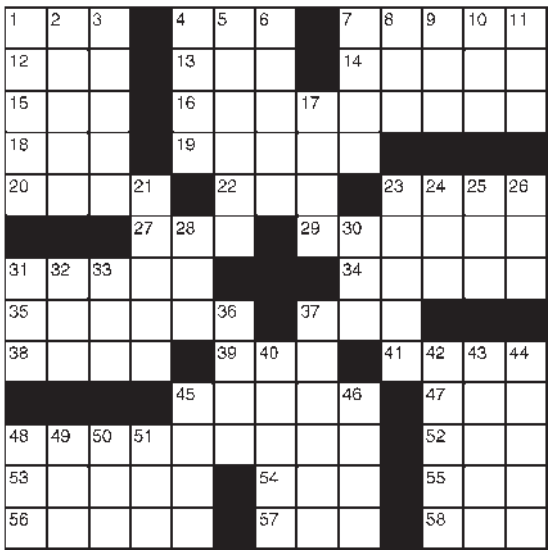
Yesterday's answer 11-11



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anthony Hill, 35; Leonardo DiCaprio, 48; Demi Moore, 60; Marc Summers, 71.

Happy Birthday: Trust in your ability to develop solutions and unique ways to improve the world and your life. Put a ceiling on spending by considering what's necessary, and you'll get the most for the least this year. A change will tempt you, but before you begin, map out a plan that doesn't infringe on your financial, physical or emotional safety. Your numbers are 4, 18, 20, 23, 31, 35, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Trust in your strength, ability and courage to follow through and get things done on time. A gathering will give insight into possibilities. Talk to someone who has always supported you, and it will help you decide what to do next. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Keep your money, belongings and ideas to yourself. Gather information, prepare yourself for change and arrange to spend time with someone who helps you maintain a positive attitude. Don't give in to outside influences. Do what's best for you. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Put your energy where it counts. Take care of business and leave nothing to chance. Keep busy and avoid temptation. Update your knowledge and skills to match what's trending. Do whatever it takes to maintain a stellar reputation. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Engage in something that will give you a platform to share your thoughts or physical skills. Your impact on someone will help bring about change in your community or core group. Speak your mind and do your thing. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Problems will crop up at home if you move things around or change your schedule without getting approval first. A partnership will experience a difference of opinion and require patience and fancy footwork to avoid a falling-out. Don't risk your health or wealth. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Be careful how you delegate work, or you may end up being phased out by someone you least expect. Don't trust anyone with information that is time sensitive. Be aware of what others do or say. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Your mind will be in overdrive. Study something you want to pursue, and you'll be well on your way to accomplishing what you want. A social event will give you access to people who can enlighten you about things you hadn't considered. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take the high road, regardless of the path others choose. Don't limit what you can do by making unrealistic promises to someone who wouldn't do the same for you. Keep your eye on your goal and your money in a safe place. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Spend time with someone who has been there for you. Listen to grievances and offer solutions. Hands-on help will be appreciated, and the rewards will be better than anticipated. Don't share information you receive, or someone will blame you for being irresponsible. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* A change will brighten your day. Switch your routine, and engage in something that offers a different perspective on life, love and happiness. Indulge in a pursuit that helps a cause that concerns you. Use your knowledge and charm to win favors. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Push through and don't stop until you are happy with the results. Refuse to let anyone ruin your day or stand in your way. Concentrate on what pleases you and encourages you to improve your balance between work and play. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Less drama will improve your day. Sidestep someone's revenge or scam by focusing on you, how you look and getting involved in a pursuit that makes you feel good about yourself and how you live. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are spontaneous, distinctive and charismatic. You are relentless and extravagant.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY Solution: 11 letters

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Anthem, Army, Bells, Blessed, Brave, Cease Fire, Ceremonies, Commemorate, Commonwealth, Courage, Duty, Fallen, Field, Flag, Flanders, Green, Hero, Honor, Legion, Memorial, Music, News, November, Peace, Plans, Plant, Poppies, Procession, Ranks, Royal, Salute, Served, Show, Silence, Statutory, Sunday, Tributes, Unite, Veterans, War

Yesterday's Answer: Outdoors

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Durant, Nets pound Knicks 112-85 after promoting Vaughn

NEW YORK (AP)— New coach, same result in a New York basketball rivalry that's become no rivalry at all.

Kevin Durant had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists, becoming the first player since Michael Jordan to score at least 25 points in his team's first 12 games, and the Brooklyn Nets routed the Knicks 112-85 on Wednesday night after making Jacque Vaughn their head coach.

It was the second romp in the last four games for a Nets team that has responded so well to Vaughn that it decided not to pursue suspended Boston Celtics coach Ime Udoka.

"We don't want this to be a honeymoon stage for us," Durant said. "We want to continue to keep pushing through, keep finding ways to get better, finding ways to turn those weaknesses to strengths and keep pushing from here."

Durant beat the Knicks for the 13th straight time, and he's had triple-doubles in the last two of them. His rebounds and assists were both season highs, and his usual scoring extended a streak that is the longest since Jordan opened the 1988-89 season with 16 consecutive games of 25 points.

The Nets beat the Knicks for the eighth straight time. It matches their second-longest winning streak ever against the Knicks, three shy of an 11-game run from 1984-86.

Seth Curry added a season-high 23 points and Edmond Sumner, in his fourth straight start in place of the suspended Kyrie Irving, finished with a season-best 18.

The Nets decided to stick with Vaughn earlier Wednesday after showing signs of progress since he replaced Steve Nash after a 2-5 start.

They are 3-2 since and have held their last four opponents below 100 points, the first time Brooklyn has done that since an eight-game stretch in the 2014-15 season. He pointed to their rebounding, after outrebounding the Knicks 55-46.

"So if we can focus on defensive rebounding, we can take a big jump on the defensive end," Vaughn said. "We've already taken a big jump last four games, teams under 100 points, which has been great. So definitely concerted effort."

Julius Randle had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks, who were coming off an impressive performance in Minnesota on Monday but trailed by as much as 35 in this one.

AP

Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Durant (7) dribbles during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, in New York. The Nets won 112-85.

Clippers 114, Lakers 101

In Los Angeles, LeBron James scored 30 points before leaving the court with pain in his left leg late in the Los Angeles Lakers' loss to the Clippers.

James felt discomfort in his leg and groin shortly after he backed down Paul George to draw a foul in the paint with less than five minutes to play. James sat out Monday at Utah to rest the persistent pain in his left foot, but was having one of his best games this season before his latest physical setback.

James, on pace to pass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar this season to become the NBA's career scoring leader, hit four 3-pointers and added eight rebounds and five assists against the Clippers while finishing one shy of his season high in points.

George scored 29 points as the Clippers extended their recent domination of their arena roommates with their ninth consecutive victory over the Lakers. Norman Powell added 18 for the Clippers, who had seven scorers in double figures during their fifth victory in the past six games without injured star Kawhi Leonard, who missed his 10th game this season.

The Clippers are unbeaten in the city rivalry since July 2020 and still perfect against the Lakers under coach Tyronn Lue, who took over in October 2020.

Anthony Davis had 21 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who dropped to 2-9 with their fourth consecutive defeat.

Celtics 128, Pistons 112

In Boston, Jayson Tatum had 31 points and five assists as Boston beat Detroit for its fourth straight victory.

Jaylen Brown had 30 points and seven rebounds. Sam Hauser added a career-high 24 points off the bench for the Celtics, led by 24 in the fourth quarter.

Jaden Ivey had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who have lost four of five. Saddiq Bey added 18 points and Bojan Bogdanovic finished with 17.

Cade Cunningham was 1 of 11 from the field and finished with a season-low four points. It was the first time this season he's failed to reach double figures. He was averaging a team-best 21.4 points per game.

Jazz 125, Hawks 119

In Atlanta, Lauri Markkanen scored a season-high 32 points and Utah recovered after blowing a 15-point lead to beat Atlanta.

Jordan Clarkson had 23 points, his fifth straight game with at least 20, to give the Western Conference-leading Jazz (10-3) their fourth straight win.

The Jazz made 17 3-pointers, including six by Malik Beasley, who had 18 points, and six by Markkanen.

Dejounte Murray scored 26 points and Trae Young added 22 for the Hawks, who took a 90-85 lead into the final period. Atlanta (7-4) had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Nuggets 122, Pacers 119

In Indianapolis, Nikola Jokic scored 24 points in 21 minutes to help Denver erase an 18-point deficit in the second half against Indiana.

Jokic was in foul trouble most of the night and sat from the 11:02 mark of the third quarter until early in the fourth with five fouls. But when the Nuggets needed him most, the two-time NBA MVP pulled them through.

Denver has won four straight and six of seven. Aaron Gordon had 18 points and tied a career best with 17 rebounds.

Indiana led most of the second half but struggled to stop Jokic and Denver's 3-point shooters down the stretch. Myles Turner missed a 3 at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

Bennedict Mathurin led the Pacers with 30 points, including 23 in the first half. Tyrese Haliburton had 21 points and 11 assists.

Raptors 116, Rockets 109

In Toronto, Fred VanVleet scored 12 of his season-high 32 points in the fourth quarter to lead Toronto past Houston.

O.G. Anunoby matched his season best with 27 points and added 10 rebounds for the Raptors. Otto Porter Jr. scored 14 points, Scottie Barnes had 13 and Gary Trent Jr. 11 as Toronto improved to 5-1 at home.

VanVleet made a season-high seven 3-pointers, going 7 for 16 from long range.

Jabari Smith Jr. had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Kevin Porter Jr. had 12 points and 11 assists but the Rockets lost for the seventh time in eight games. Jalen Green scored 21 points.

Trail Blazers 105, Hornets 95

In Charlotte, N.C., Damian Lillard overcame a slow start to finish with 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and Portland handed Charlotte its sixth straight loss.

Anfernee Simons scored 19 points and Shaedon Sharpe had 17 off the bench for the Trail Blazers. They shot 53.3% and rallied from a 12-point deficit in the third quarter to improve to 3-1 on their six-game trip.

Terry Rozier led the Hornets with 18 points. Mason Plumlee had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Magic 94, Mavericks 87

In Orlando, Fla., Franz Wagner scored 22 points and Orlando held Dallas star Luka Doncic under 30 points for the first time this season.

Doncic, the NBA's leading scorer, finished with 24 points after scoring 30 or more in each of the Mavericks' first nine games. He shot 9 for 29 overall and 2 of 11 from 3-point range.

Spencer Dinwiddie had 29 points for the Mavericks, who were outrebounded 49-29.

The Magic played for the first time without rookie Paolo Banchero, who sprained his ankle Monday night. Wendell Carter Jr. had 13 points and 12 rebounds for Orlando.

The start of the game was moved up by 90 minutes due to the approach of Hurricane Nicole.

Pelicans 115, Bulls 111

In Chicago, Brandon Ingram scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half, including seven straight late in the fourth quarter, and New Orleans pulled out a victory over Chicago.

Ingram hit a 3-pointer that gave the Pelicans a 109-107 lead. DeMar DeRozan's dunk tied it, but Ingram countered with a mid-range basket and the Bulls committed a turnover with 17.4 seconds left.

DeRozan, who scored a season-low nine points Monday, led the Bulls with 33. Zach LaVine added 23.

Grizzlies 124, Spurs 122, OT

In San Antonio, Ja Morant and Desmond Bane scored 32 points apiece as Memphis defeated San Antonio in overtime.

The Grizzlies handed the Spurs their fifth consecutive loss and won their seventh straight over San Antonio.

Dillon Brooks added 13 points and Steven Adams had 19 rebounds and seven points. In a back-and-forth game, Bane scored six straight points in the final 2 1/2 minutes to help force overtime.

Devin Vassell's 3-pointer for the Spurs hit the side of the rim as overtime ended. Vassell and Jakob Poeltl had 22 points each.

Suns 129, Timberwolves 117

In Minneapolis, Devin Booker had 32 points and a season-high 10 assists, and Mikal Bridges scored 31 as Phoenix topped Minnesota.

Despite playing without Chris Paul (right heel soreness) and starting forward Cameron Johnson, the Suns led by 27 to rebound from a disappointing loss at Philadelphia two nights earlier.

Cameron Payne added 23 points while starting in place of Paul. Landry Shamet had 16 off the bench for Phoenix, which had lost two of three.

Rudy Gobert returned to the lineup for Minnesota after missing two games in health and safety protocols. But he and Karl-Anthony Towns were limited due to early foul trouble.

Gobert scored 13 of his 25 points in the third quarter. Towns finished with 11. Jaden McDaniels had a career-high 24 points to lead the Timberwolves.

Bucks 136, Thunder 132, 2 OT

In Oklahoma City, Jevon Carter had career highs of 36 points and 12 assists as Milwaukee outlasted Oklahoma City in double overtime.

The short-handed Bucks were missing their top two scorers. Giannis Antetokounmpo sat out with a sore left knee and Jrue Holiday was sidelined with a sprained right ankle. Carter filled the scoring void by making 15 of 27 field goals, including 5 of 10 3-pointers.

Brook Lopez added 24 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks for the Bucks, who were coming off their first loss this season after starting 9-0.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 39 points and Josh Giddey added 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Thunder, who lost their fourth straight.

Kings 127, Cavaliers 120

In Sacramento, Calif., Domantas Sabonis scored 21 points and Sacramento overcame another big performance by Donovan Mitchell to beat Cleveland.

Mitchell scored 38 points on 16-of-28 shooting as the Cavaliers lost their second in a row following an eight-game winning streak. He began the game averaging 31.2 points per game this season.

Harrison Barnes had a season-high 19 points for the Kings. He had zero points in their loss to Golden State on Monday.

De'Aaron Fox added 15 points and eight assists for Sacramento.

LA Rams QB Matthew Stafford in concussion protocol

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford is in the concussion protocol, and coach Sean McVay is uncertain whether the Super Bowl winner will be ready to play Sunday against Arizona.

Stafford entered the protocol Tuesday afternoon after consultation with the Rams' medical staff, the team announced Wednesday. The Rams believe Stafford's condition resulted from action in last Sunday's 16-13 loss at Tampa Bay, and the team decided to put him in the protocol after the usual weekly round of postgame health evaluations.

"Nobody wants to be out there more than Matthew Stafford," McVay said. "Nobody is a greater competitor, tougher, that I've ever been around. However, it was in terms of some of the questions that were asked (to Stafford after the game) in terms of getting to this point."

Stafford has been one of the NFL's most durable quarterbacks for most of his professional career, but he has been sacked 28 times this season — just two fewer than in all 17 games last season — while playing behind a mostly terrible offensive line that has used eight different starting combinations in eight weeks of action. Stafford was sacked four times last weekend by the Buccaneers, who were credited with eight quarterback hits.

Stafford's wife, Kelly, reacted to the news with a post on the Instagram account of her podcast.

"The head is not something to be messed with," Kelly Stafford wrote. "And I hope as this sport develops so does the concern for head health and the research around it. And no, I'm not ok. I have every emotion running through me. Concerned, angry, sad, tired … all of them."

AP

Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) is sacked by Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Devin White (45) during the first half of an NFL football game between the Los Angeles Rams and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.

John Wolford, a Rams backup since 2019, is likely to start against the Cardinals at SoFi Stadium if Stafford can't go.

"(We're) still anticipating and having the optimistic approach that there's a possibility that (Stafford) will be ready to go," McVay said. "John has been our backup, but the reality is we'll take it a day at a time."

Stafford has missed only eight games over the past 12 seasons, and all eight occurred in 2019 with Detroit because of a midseason back injury.

Stafford hasn't yet missed any of his first 29 games with the Rams, including four playoff contests last year. After leading Los Angeles to a championship in his first season, he has passed for 1,928 yards and eight touchdowns with eight interceptions this season while completing a career-high 68.4% of his throws.

"You put the priority where it's about the person first," McVay said. "This is so important, but when you think about it in the big picture, it's a temporary moment in time. He's got a beautiful family, wife, four daughters, there's a lot of other responsibilities that these guys have."

Wolford has been on the Rams' roster for four seasons, and he has served as the top backup to Jared Goff and to Stafford during the past three years. Wolford made his NFL debut by starting the final regular-season game of the 2020 season when Goff was sidelined by a broken thumb, and he led the Rams to an 18-7 victory.

"It was a big game," Wolford said Wednesday. "Obviously, as an undrafted player, these games mean a lot. I was just glad we were able to get a win, get in the playoffs. But it was my first career start, and it was a good one, a good memory."

Wolford then started the Rams' playoff game at Seattle, but injured his neck in the first quarter. He played only in mop-up duty last season, and he has yet to play this year.

"John is a guy that when he's been in these situations, he's stepped in and done a really good job," McVay said. "Wasn't too long ago that he had to come in a game that we had to have to get into the playoffs, and he performed incredibly well."

If the Rams have to roll with Wolford behind center as they attempt to prevent the season from slipping away, they say they'll be confident.

"I saw (Wolford) a few times in Seattle, so we know what he's capable of," said Rams linebacker Bobby Wagner, who spent his first NFL decade with the Seahawks. "He came down and did a lot of great things against us when I was down there. We have confidence in him that if he has to, he'll be able to step up and make plays."

Los Angeles has lost four of its past five games to fall two games below .500 for the first time in McVay's coaching career. The Rams' offense is one of the NFL's worst so far this season, with a nonexistent running game behind that patchwork offensive line and a pronounced lack of game-changing offensive talent behind All-Pro receiver Cooper Kupp.

It could get even worse: Starting left tackle Alaric Jackson and center Brian Allen skipped the Rams' workout Wednesday to rest knee injuries, although McVay hopes both will play Sunday.

The Rams also designated interior offensive lineman Coleman Shelton to return to practice Wednesday after a five-week absence with a high ankle sprain. McVay said Shelton, who has started at right guard and center this season, is likely to rejoin the lineup immediately if he's ready.

Rookie running back Kyren Williams is expected to make his NFL debut Sunday if he stays on course in his recovery from an ankle injury. The Notre Dame product was designated to return from injured reserve on Oct. 26.

Chiefs' Mahomes feels good after high pass volume vs Titans

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes said Wednesday that his right arm was feeling just fine after setting Kansas City Chiefs records for pass attempts and completions in last weekend's come-from-behind overtime win over the Tennessee Titans.

That doesn't mean he wants to do it again.

Mahomes was 43 of 68 for 446 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the 20-17 victory, and he even ran for the tying touchdown and 2-point conversion late in regulation. It was the most passes Mahomes, who was known for his high volume at Texas Tech, had thrown in an NFL game by 14 and beat his highest completion total by six.

"The game got a little out of hand as far as throwing the ball a little more than we wanted to," Mahomes acknowledged, "but it called for that. You've seen in some games we've had to run it a lot. It's something you have to do as an offense in order to succeed in this league. You have to be able to do both."

Yet the Chiefs totally abandoned the run against the Titans, whose defensive front is among the league's best. Their running backs combined to run 13 times for 14 yards as the Chiefs ran 91 offensive plays, one off their franchise record.

Only two players in NFL history have attempted more passes in a game: Drew Bledsoe of the Patriots went 45 of 70 for 426 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions against the Vikings on Nov. 13, 1994, and Vinny Testaverde was 36 of 69 for 481 yards with two touchdowns and three picks against the Ravens on Dec. 24, 2000.

Only three players — Bledsoe, Ben Roethlisberger and Jared Goff — have completed more passes in an NFL game.

"I knew we had a lot of plays, period," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "Look, we're going to do what we needed to do to win the game. That's what we felt. That's how we went about it. The run game was going, we would have done more with the run game. The pass game stalled a little in the middle, but we picked it up after that."

Yet despite dropping back roughly 80 times, taking into account penalties, Mahomes said he didn't do anything out of the ordinary in his recovery as the Chiefs turned their attention to Sunday's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"Ever since I've been young," he said, "I never really got sore, even when I pitched when I was younger. We do stuff with my trainers, but other than that, I just try to keep my arm strength up and keep rolling."

Mahomes is the most famous product of the "Air Raid" system designed by Mike Leach and implemented again by Kliff Kingsbury at Texas Tech. But even during those heady days with the Red Raiders, when Mahomes had 12 games where he attempted 50 or more throws, he only eclipsed his number from Sunday night once: He went 52 of 88 for 734 yards and five touchdowns in a memorable 66-59 shootout loss to Baker Mayfield and Oklahoma on Oct. 22, 2016.

Mahomes only eclipsed his completion total from last weekend twice: That game against the Sooners and a game against Kansas State a couple of weeks earlier, when he was 45 of 62 for 504 yards and two TDs in a 44-38 defeat.

"He's electric," Jaguars coach Doug Pederson said. "He's a guy that can extend plays. He gets the ball out of his hands so fast it's hard to get to him. He's kind of the heart and soul of that offense, tough to defend and tough to play against him, and I definitely appreciate how he plays the game. He plays it the right way."

GCA Lady Eagles win HS hoops opener

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Grace Christian Academy dominated Kagman High School, 55-25, last Monday in the 2022 IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League opener at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Lady Eagles' 5'11" center Azriel Fatialofa controlled the paint with her 45 points. Teammate Soleil Lamar lent a hand as she scored 8 points and the other 2 points came from Katriel Saures.

KHS swooshed the nets for just 7 points in the first period, with 4 points from Priscilla Tomokane, 2 points from Kiana Camacho, and a free throw shot from Elicia Cabrera, but by the end of the first period, Fatialofa's free throw put her team in the lead by 2 points.

In the end, Fatialofa's mammoth 45 points drowned out Kagman's efforts.

In the second game, Mount Carmel School defeated defending champion Marianas High School, 27-25, in extra period.

Chealzka Navarro, who scored 8 points, put in the tie-breaking 2 points in extra period after teammate Valerie Estella tied up the game. Estella and Erin Frink scored a total of 4 points, Mia Abuan scored the most with 9 points, and Asa Backe had 2.

MHS' Kina Rangamar scored a total of 13 points, Marielle Lopez had 10 and Tamia Hix contributed 2 points.

Saipan Southern High School routed Agape Christian School in a close game, 26-24, in Monday's third match.

Lady Mantas' Yasmeen Younis scored 15 points total and the winning and tie-breaking shot in the final seconds.

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Grace Christian Academy's Azriel Fatialofa goes for a layup against Kagman High School in the opening game of the 2022 IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League last Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Andrea Ramos added 6 points, Kathyryn Sablan scored 3, and Lency Sagarino and Casey Cruz scored a free throw each for SSHS.

The Torchbearers' Eunice Xu contributed 8 points, Ruth Zhang shot 7, Sunny Wang scored 5, and Pheobe Chen and Lynn Zhao scored 2 points each.

The IT&E Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League is being run by the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation.

GCA 55 – Fatialofa 45, Lamar 8, Saures 2.

KHS 25 – Tomokane 8, Camacho 8, Cabrera 7, Tudela 2.

Scoring by halves: 9-7, 55-25.

MCS 27 – Abuan 9, Navarro 8, Frink 4, Estella 4, Asa Backe 2.

MHS 25 – Rangamar 13, Lopez 10, Hix 2.

Scoring by halves: 13-14, 23-23, 27-25, OT.

SSHS 26 – Younis 15, Ramos 6, Sablan 3, Sagarino 1, Cruz 1.

ACS 24 – Xu 8, Zhang 7, Wang 5, Chen 2, Zhao 2.

Scoring by halves: 13-10, 26-24.

Raffle prizes galore in airport trail run

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Participants of the Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship tomorrow will not only get a free workout, but may also come home with terrific raffle prizes.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said raffle prizes include a tandem dive with video footage from Sky Dive Saipan LLC, a $100 in-kind donation from Triple J Saipan, two roundtrip tickets to Tinian from Star Marianas Air, and discount vouchers and giveaway bags from Marianas Air Cargo Services.

"It's very rare for us to request raffle prizes for Run Saipan races so we thought we could deliver some great prizes for the Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship," he said.

"At Run Saipan we are overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness that these outstanding companies have afforded for the participants at this Saturday's race. We couldn't be more thankful. Also thank you to the Commonwealth Ports Authority for providing the venue as well as preparing it and making it safe for all participants. The airport and its companies are really pulling together to put on a show for the public and we are indebted to them. It takes teamwork to pull this off so thank you to them all," added Dela Cruz.

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. poses with Sky Dive Saipan LLC president John Stewart, Paula Stewart, Richard Neo, and Nishtah Thomas.

Participants of both the 8K and 5K run are eligible for the raffle.

Unofficially dubbed the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022, Run Saipan is holding the event in tandem with Northern Marianas Athletics. To register, cut and paste the link: is https://raceroster.com/events/2022/65931/saipan-international-airport-trail-run-2022?fbclid=IwAR06esKZvpzNGunubd0SJFFFH3-j_j20OWDd-OMyDw-WjvXr_qqc4osSpyH4.

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. poses with Triple J Saipan executives led by comptroller Kina Peter.

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Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. poses with Star Marianas Air general manager and station chief Jose Cruz.

Tan Holdings Tennis Classic enters second week

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Week 2 of the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic will unfold this weekend on three tennis courts on Saipan—Hyatt Regency Saipan, American Memorial Park, and Crowne Plaza Saipan, which is the tournament's headquarters.

In the men's 4.0, the top seeds are junior netters La Hunn Lam and Wataru Kadokura. It's the same in the women's 4.0 as tennagers Irin Chung and Hannah Chae are No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

The men's 3.0 has five entries—Marlon Bercilla, John Kenneth Casauran, Jesse Sablan, Daniel Zhao, and Yang Zhu, while Hua Jin, Lam Lamee, Jocelyn Paano, Mihye Michelle Park, Meihua Rengiil, Jalexia Rulona, Wilanie Undajare Temporal, Olivia Zhang, and Jing Zhao are entered in the women's 2.0.

The adult division of the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic will also feature play in men's 4.0 and 3.0 doubles, men's 40, men's 55, women's 55, mixed doubles 50, men's 60, men's doubles 60, mixed doubles 60, and U10 mini tennis.

The 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic is being held with help from the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association.

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lead Dandan.

First Game

Tanapag 35 – Tenorio 8, Rectitud 7, Ansus 5, Tibayan 4, Lucero 3, Garcia 3, Sabino 3, Esdrelon 2.

Oleai 28 – Basa 17, T. Joab 5, D. Joab 4, Saures 2.

Scoring by halves: 18-15, 35-28.

Second Game

Garapan 40 – Garon 11, Lumabi 7, Lopez 6, Mi. Lopez 7, Ma. Lopez 6, Alegre 3, Villagomez 2, Kautz 2, Flores 2.

Kagman 35 – Travilla 12, Mendoza 9, Kautz 4, Mendiola 3, Younis 3, Ramon 2.

Scoring by halves: 22-15, 40-35.

Third Game

Koblerville 46 – Atan 18, Mateo 8, Fiden 6, Basa 6, Lucas 4, Igisomar 3.

Dandan 39 – Suba 15, Laquian 12, Escalada 7, David 3, Balingasay 1, Montano 1.

Scoring by halves: 22-22, 46-39.

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Garapan rolls past Kagman in women's hoops

MARK RABAGO
Garapan's Quina Flores scores on a fastbreak layup against Kagman in their women's division game in the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

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Garapan got the better of Kagman, 40-35, in the women's division of the 2022 Marianas Village Pride Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai.

With Marlene Lumabi doing her best Michael Jordan impersonation, Garapan took control of the game in the first half and led 22-15.

Kagman, however, made a game of it in the second half with Kaia Travilla finding her stride. But Garapan got clutch shots from Lumabi, Madelyn Alegre, and Mikayla Lopez down the stretch to eke out the 5-point win.

Garapan, which leveled its win-loss record to 1-1, was paced by the 12 points of A.J. Garon, while Kagman, which is also now at 1-1, was led by the game-high 12 points of Travilla.

In the first game, Tanapag improved to 2-1 following its 35-28 victory over Oleai in the boys 13 division.

Derek Tenorio was the high-point man for Tanapag with 8 points, while Louis Rectitud backed him up with 7 of his own. Peyton Basa was unstoppable in the loss, scoring 17 points to the now 1-1 Oleai squad.

In the third and last game of the weekend, Koblerville won its second straight game after it beat Dandan, 46-39.

After four 2s across the scoreboard at the end of the first half, Koblerville dealt Dandan its second consecutive loss with a fiery second-half performance led by Airson Atan, who went on to pace the team with 18 points.

Aiden Suba nearly matched Atan point-for-point to finish with 15 markers to

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Kanoa, Paire blank opponents in women's soccer

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Kanoa Football Club and Paire Football Club both blanked their opponents, 2-0, in Week 4 of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division B in the 2022 Dove Women's League last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kanoa defeated Shirley's Football Club after Merlie Tolentino made a rush for the goal less than a minute in and was followed by teammate Amy Quintos. Shirley's FC attackers could not get a single goal past Kanoa's defenses.

Similarly, Paire shut down Tan Holdings Football Club after Denise Myers' two goals in the first and second half. Tan Holdings had no luck with the ball as they went home with a goose egg on the board.

Matansa FC 3, MPU FC 2

In the first game of the night, Matansa Football Club rallied to defeat MPU FC, 3-2.

Matansa made a comeback in the second half after scoring all 3 goals to upset MPU, who scored one goal in the first half and their last goal in the second.

Results of last Sunday's games will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune*.

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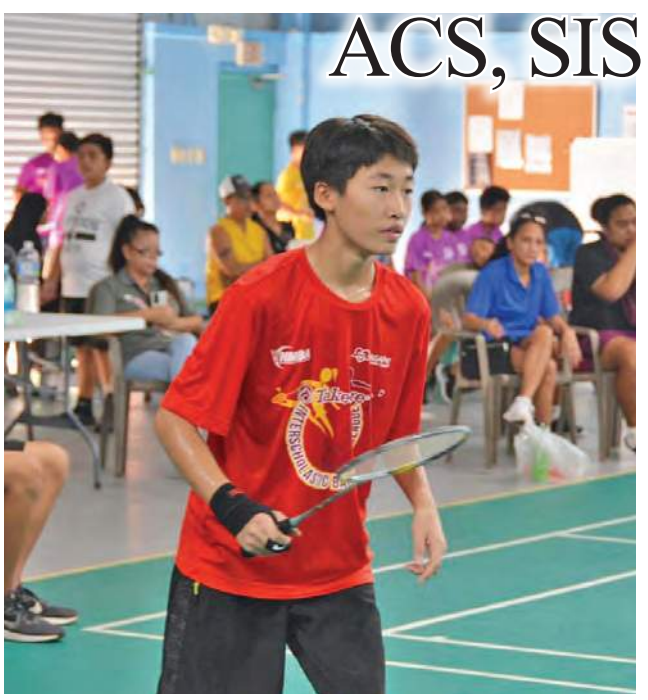
Kanoa FC's Jane Malabanan, right, and a teammate go after the ball against Shirley's FC in the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division B game of the 2022 Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

ACS, SIS to dispute MS badminton title



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An Agape Christian School badminton player in action during the TakeCare-Public School System Interscholastic Badminton League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The Agape Christian School Torchbearers and Saipan International School Geckos will square off in the championship game of the TakeCare-Public School System Interscholastic Badminton League this Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex after topping their respective brackets last Saturday.

Francisco M. Sablan Middle School and Tanapag Middle School will vie for the bronze medal on the same day. Both games will be played in the morning from 8:30am to 11am.

In Bracket 1 behind the Torchbearers, FMS has 63 points, Tinian Jr.-Sr. High School has 29 points, Hopwood Middle School 1 has 38 points, ChaCha Oceanview Middle School has 11 points, and DanDan Middle School is last with 7 points.

In Bracket 2 behind the Geckos is TMS with 51 points, third is HMS 2 with 49 points, Saipan Community School is fourth with 35 points, and Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr.-Sr. High School and Mount Carmel School both have 0 points.

During last Saturday's last round-robin game of the season, SIS' Nara Kim, Lina Tsukagoshi, Frank Li, Allen He, Michael Zhou, and Jason Yu, defeated five consecutive schools which include Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr.-Sr. High School, SCS, TMS, MCS, and HMS 2, in a complete sweep of all five events—boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles, and mixed doubles which garnered them 75 points.

ACS' May Kim, Joanna Zhang, Joyce Ying, Daniel Yang, Raffy Cai, Daniel Song, and Danny Cheng, on the other hand, swept almost all schools except for one for a total of 67 points. ACS' toughest foe was FMS, which they defeated 9-6. The Torchbearers came back however and swept Tinian MS, DMS, HMS 1, and CCOVMS.